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East Side

By P. D.

For the fifth year,

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As usual, more important

HAPPY FISCAL YEAR

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Letters

Mountainburg, Ark.

Mothers who are losing sleep over the prospect of brown-skinned in-laws can take solace from the following facts:

1. American Negroes account for only ten per cent of our population There are not enough to go around even if ALL our sons and daughters decided to marry them.

2. A large majority will marry within their own race. Intermarriage is still a rarity, even in fairly well integrated populations.

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4. Our society frowns on interracial marriages, and probably will not outgrow this intolerance for at least 100 years; at which time we can start to worry. Society's displeasure is a powerful

At Christmastime —

A Fable

(This Fable is not original with us, we're sorry to say It is from a short fiction story we read years ago. Where, when, and by whom we do not remember. Therefore, this is re-written in our words. The Editor.)

The Man was tried, most tired. In His face, lines had deepened, and from His eyes some of the spark had disappeared. His shoulders were beginning to stoop, and He had seemed to smile less and less as the centuries roled by.

Called into His Father's House, The Man heard the Voice saying, "My Son, you need a vacation. I beseech You to take time off from Your duties. Go where You like, do what You like, and know that I am always with You."

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"That's good. Not too many teachers belong to our Country Club. I think it's most decent of us to take a teacher with us, don't you, fellows?"

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Once again, a Christmas gift suggestion to you who have friends belonging to the KK Kouncil. A bed sheet is ideal . . . they can cover up their faces.

Perhaps you'd care for a more personalized gift, in which case you'll be interested in our Christmas Cross Kit, complete with Southern Pine lumber, Southern Distilled Kerosene, and a free booklet on "How To Build Your Own Cross." Now is the time to scare hell out of those who disagree with your views. Live it up! Christmas comes but once a year.

A couple of my favorite Christmas stories, reported last year, are as follows:

What with this being Christmas, or right at it, I remember each year the tale of the late Santa Claus of Hattiesburg, Miss. It happened some three or four years ago that in one of the department stores there was a St. Nick who was exhausted from ten to twelve hours of "Ho, ho, hoing." Finally, about closing time a day or two before Christmas a father bought his son a bicycle, and nothing would do but that Santa take the purchase downstairs and out to the parked car a block or so away. Well, St. Nick, being on a per hour basis had no choice. So he waded through the traffic in the store, bumping and shoving along with everyone else. Finally, he reached the front door and the stream of traffic in and out was such that Santa got wedged in the front door with the bicycle. In utter and complete disgust, he turned and looked at the crowd who was watching his predicament with amusement, and said: "I'll be so dammed glad when Christmas is over 'til I won't know what to do!"

As I understand, his Christmas was over, the manager being among the audience to which Santa had spoken his true convictions.

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This happened just last Sunday night at a church in Hattiesburg: A little girl was seated beside her father on the front row watching the presentation of the Christmas Story. She nugged her father and asked, "Who that in the straw, daddy?"

"Be quite," was the answer from her father.

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If I can influence my daughter (now eight) in the qualities to seek in a husband, I'll try to show her the importance of these basic ones: moral courage, kindness, cleanliness, honesty, dignity, humour and willingness to work for a living. My viewpoint is that race, color, or other aspects of physiognomy can neither detract from these qualities nor compensate for the lack of them.

With space ships coming all around us, maybe we'd better stop worrying about grandchildren with a natural suntan, and start considering the possibility of chartreuse grandchildren with phenomenal IQ's. Now THERE'S something to keep us awake nights! Of course the interplanetary tourists may not be green. Wouldn't it be funny if they were brown?

—MARGARET HUNCKE

"Mail Now" Urges Local Postmaster

The Christmas mail rush has nearly reached its peak according to Postmaster Tressie V. Brogan, who expressed her thanks today for your cooperation so far on her annual "Mail Early For Christmas" campaign.

However, the post office faces a critical situation during the next few days and time is rapidly running out for late mailers Every postal employee is digging in for the final big rush, and you can help tremendously by using air parcel post for gift packages, and air mail postage for your Christmas cards going to distant states.

Send cards for local delivery by first class mail. Be sure that your Christmas cards are all addressed

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"Peace be unto ye," replied the Man, smiling.

Three youths passed, stopped and wished the Man Christmas Cheer. "Merry Christmas," they cried out.

"Merry Christmas," said the Man. His voice implied a question.

"Sure," said one of the youths, "You a foreigner or something? You don't know about Christmas?"

"Oh, yes, yes," the Man replied. "But . . ."

"Well," interrupted the youth, "Christmas is a great day. Everybody feels good and everybody forgets old feelings and everybody gets the feeling of the spirit of the season."

"The season?" inquired the Man. "Sure. This the season of Brotherly Love. Christmas time is when we celebrate the birthday of Christ, our Savior."

"Yes, yes, I see," He said, indicating that He would like to hear more of the youth's narrative.

"And just to show you what I mean," informed the youth, "we would like for you to go with us to a party we are having tonight."

"I would be very happy to attend your party," answered the Man.

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"Yeah?" quizzed one of the youths. "Just where were you born? What country?"

The Man smiled, remembering the youths He had known for many centuries. He said: "As a matter of fact, I was born in Bethlehem. That was a small town in Palestine, near the city of Jerusalem."

They drove on in silence for a few minutes.

Finally, one of the youths began, "Well, I, er, that ah . . . well, I guess you're a Jew, aren't you?"

"Well, yes and no," said the Man. "I was born of Jewish parents, but . . ."

"I'm sorry," interrupted one of the youths, "but we can't take a Jew to the Club. That is against the rules, absolutely. We'll take you back down town. I hope you understand . . . . no hard feelings, that's just a rule."

"Yes, yes," said the Man. "I think I understand . . . and no hard feelings."

He stepped out of the automobile . . . and saddened, He watched it pull away from the curb, and into the heavy traffic . . .

He sat on the curb . . . His eyes were lacking some of their sparkle, and his shoulders were stooped, and there was no smile on His face . . .

He wept.

The Monitor Reports —

Distortion By Half-Truth

The Indian War Memorial Commission again has barred from its beautiful auditorium a celebration of Bill of Rights Day under the sponsorship of the American Civil Liberties Union. The commission's secretary charges the ACLU with being a "defender of Communists."

Here is a statement of half-truth that distorts the facts as effectively as though it were a falsehood.

The ACLU does defend Communists. It also has defended some near Fascists and Nazis of the homegrown variety. It defends conservatives as well as liberals, the wealthy as well as the poor, the virtuous citizen as well as the denizen of the criminal world.

But it does not defend anyone's misdeeds or even their obnoxious

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Half-Truth . . .

beliefs. What the ACLU does defend is the rights of those haled into court to the guarantees of the Constitution's first ten amendments.

The ACLU, it seems to us, needlessly irritates now and then by over-zealousness. But its very single-minded watchfulness is something the nation could ill afford to do without.

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Roswell, N. M.—After paying a fine for speeding to R. Perry Bean justice of the peace, a 74-year-old California woman asked, "It this case closed now—I mean nothing can change your verdict?" Assured that the case was closed, the woman said, with a grin. "Well, in that case, I just want you to know that the officer who arrested me was wrong. I wasn't going 80 miles an hour, I was doing 94."

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The lineup includes books of handsome format which certainly must have been put together with the holiday trade in mind. A lavish touch with illustrations, artistic jackets, special type setups — these are signs that the publishers have something else in mind than casual business.

One of the most imposing of the new books is a revised and Doris Cunningham, Barbara Davis, Helen Marie Fairley, Sylvia Prevost, Bennie Lynn Taylor, Glenda Mallette, Mary Ellen Havens, Sarah Alice Goss, Beverley Hicks, Linda Ann Mallette, Angelia Carter and Pearl Prevost.

The FHA girls are busy selling magazines, hose and shampoo. enlarged edition of Stefan Lorant's "Lincoln: A Picture Story of His Life" (Harper). It contains every known photo of Lincoln, along with authoritative discussion of the circumstances of its taking, and a gallery of the trial and execution of the Lincoln conspirators, new to this edition.

Reconstruct the Past

Two of the new works reconstruct the past. "Mr. Lincoln's Washington," by Stanley Kimmel (Coward-McCann) picture Washington as it was during the Civil War. "The Confederate Reader," edited by Richard E. Harwell (Longmans, Green) tells "the story of the Confederacy as the Confederates themselves wrote it." Although they cover the same field, Kimmel's work is in no sense a duplicate of Margaret Leech's "Reveille in Washington," long considered a definitive description of Washington in wartime. Kimmel has gone to original sources, the newspapers, and uses their wartime content, text and illustration, to give a picture of Washington in 1861-65 that has a rare contemporary feeling. The "Reader" is in the same vein, in presenting contemporary writings, but it delves into oddments of life in presenting material that ranges from Confederate Valentines to the "Order of Procession" for Stonewall Jackson's funeral.

A field relatively unexplored—the war on the waters — is the subject of "Mr. Lincoln's Navy" by Richard West Jr. (Longmans, Green). West has a fast-moving, important story and tells it well, although some will wish he had devoted more attention to the Confederate raiders on the high seas. To cite one omission, he does not mention the Shenandoah, the cruiser which did not haul down its flag until two years after Appomattox.

There is an echo of a hit of the last Christmas season in "This Was Andersonville," by John McElroy (McDowell, Obolensky). McElroy's story was an

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Church nursery open at all services.

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Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

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Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

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Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

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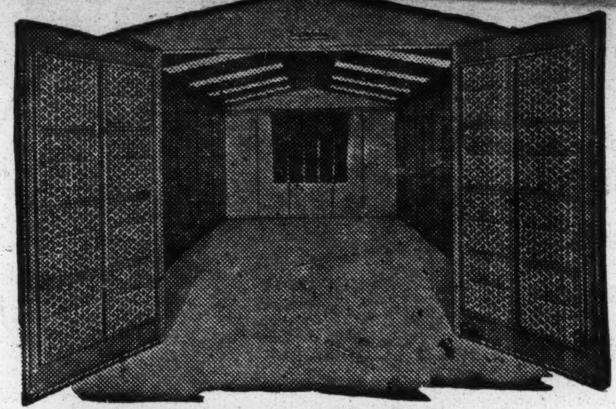

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the straw?"

"Well," replied her father in hushed tones, "that's the little Lord Jesus."

In great excitement the young lady demanded to know, "Well, what's He doing in Hattiesburg?"

It used to be that one of my favorite past times, especially about this time of the year, was to sit on the steps at the Post Office in Hattiesburg and watch the people on the street. If you observed closely you will see every expression of human nature on the faces of the people and in their acts. This was great fun, until . . . I noted one day that the people were looking at me and having fun. I gave up that past time, too.

Karen, my uninhibited little daughter who'll be five next month, has been going up and down the street saying to the neighbors: "We didn't have no turkey for Thanksgiving and we ain't going to have none for Christmas, 'cause we're poor folks."

Frankly, it's a bit embarrassing to me. Still, I can't help but wonder what the neighbors are going to bring over! I keep hoping it'll be money.

It seems to me the Christmas spirit is a bit harder to get here in Mississippi than anywhere else, except possibly Oklahoma. The bootleggers go up on their prices this time of year which, to say the least, is not in the best tradition of the season. The egg nogg is as advertised, "Non-alcoholic." We Mississippians don't have to dream of a sober Christmas . . . it is a horrible reality. And it's a shame, too. We see only ONE Santa Claus staggering down the chimney.

I'm joking, of course. Our per capita consumption will remain higher than it is in Alabama, where likker is legal. Reckon they haven't learned of the Spirit!

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Books . . .

important source for MacKinlay Kantor's novel, "Andersonville," which was published in 1956. His narrative has been given a thoughtful, careful editing by Roy Meredith and now comes as a brutal revelation of Civil War prison camp horrors. McElroy's story was written 15 years after the war and it is well worth a revival, although, now that we have had explorations by novel and by reminiscence of Andersonville, it is time a chronicle from a northern prison came along.

Two books of battles offer closeups of important strategical ventures. In "Drama on the Rappahannock" (Military Service Publishing Co.), Edward J. Stackpole does for the Fredericksburg campaign what he did for the battle of Gettysburg last year — tells the story in clean, lucid prose that makes the ponderous movements of troops as simple as ABC. "Eight Hours Before Richmond," by Virgil Carrington Jones (Henry Hold) is the story of Kilpatrick's raid on Richmond in 1864 and the controversial aftermath over papers found on the body of his lieutenant, Col. Ulric Dahlgren.

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Watch On The POTOMAC

by
Robt. G. Spivack

THE BIG SCARE — If you had to do it all over again, Jim Hagerty was asked, would you have handled the news of the President's illness any differently than Anne Wheaton did? Ever the gentleman, Hagerty said he would not.

Then, without any public rebuke, he proceeded to reverse the Wheaton play. There were no lengthy arguments about whether the President had suffered a "stroke" or whether it was a "small clot or a vescular spasm." Instea Hagerty announced the President had spent the evening watching television.

This bit of psychological news was given out bl The Old Pro less than three hours after debarking from his Paris plane.

After that came a series of what The White House correspondents call "soothing syrup" bulletins. The President we were told is "fine" or "feeling much better" or"excellent." Then, without cracking a smile, Hagerty told the correspondents they must not "rush" things; they should not

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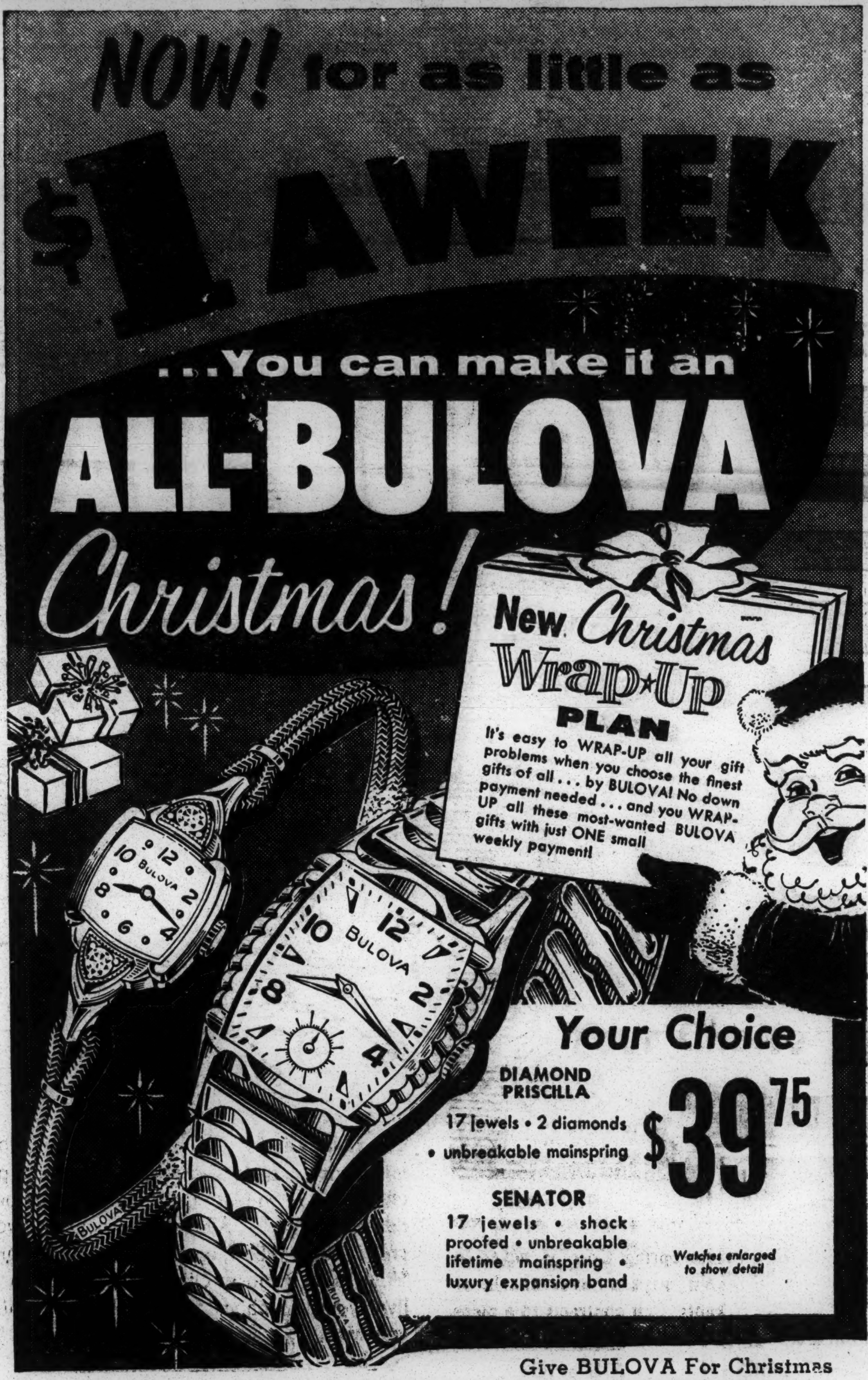
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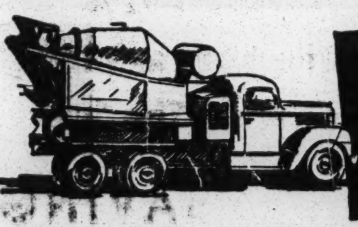
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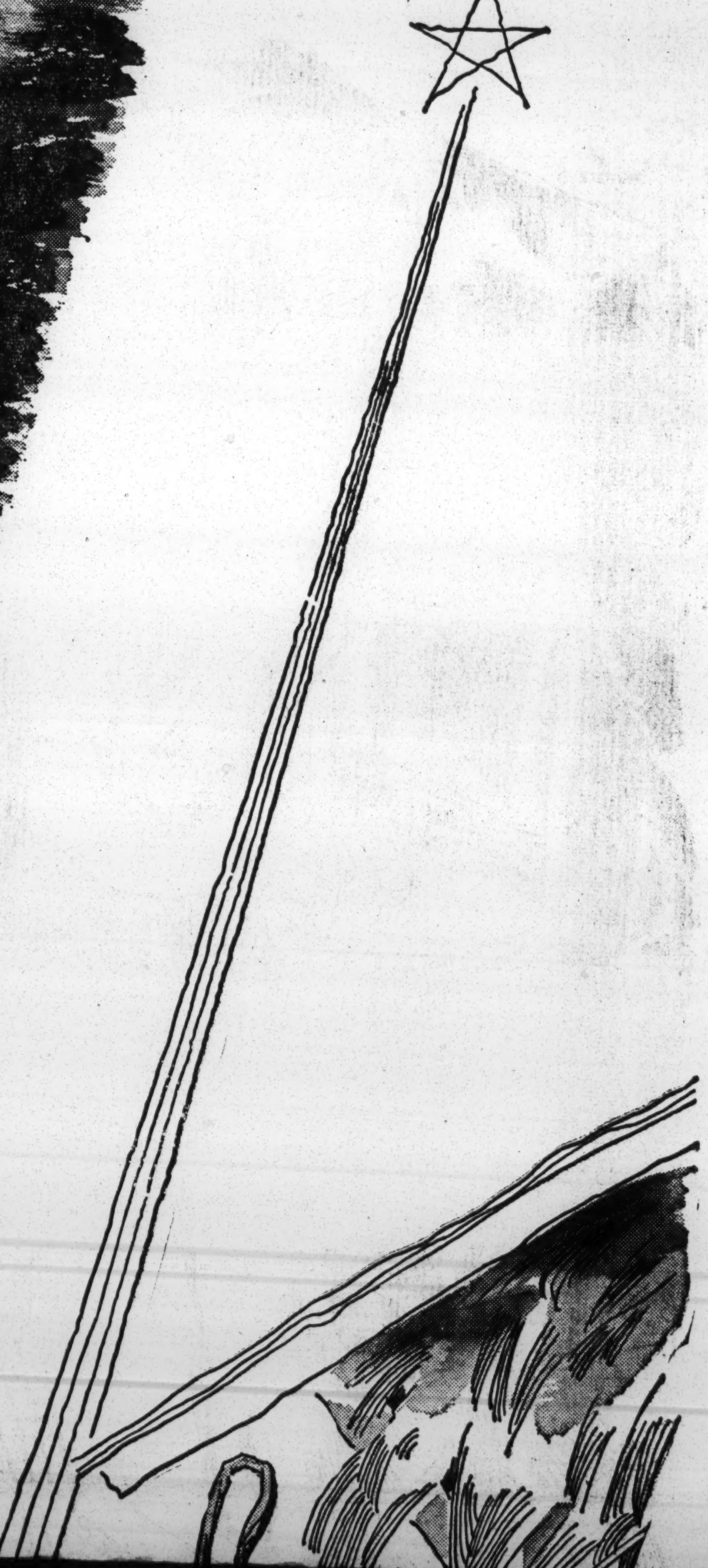

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Blindness and Bias

George Shearing, the blind jazz pianist, in a recent radio interview, said:

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Alchemy Of Love

Remember when you were abroad — as a GI or tourist — and tried to make yourself understood in a foreign tongue? Tough, wasn't it? We had a slightly different experience.

A Polish-Jewish couple we knew were living in a single sparsely-furnished room in Manhatten. About to become parents, they were desperately in need of more space and we offered to share our large apartment with them.

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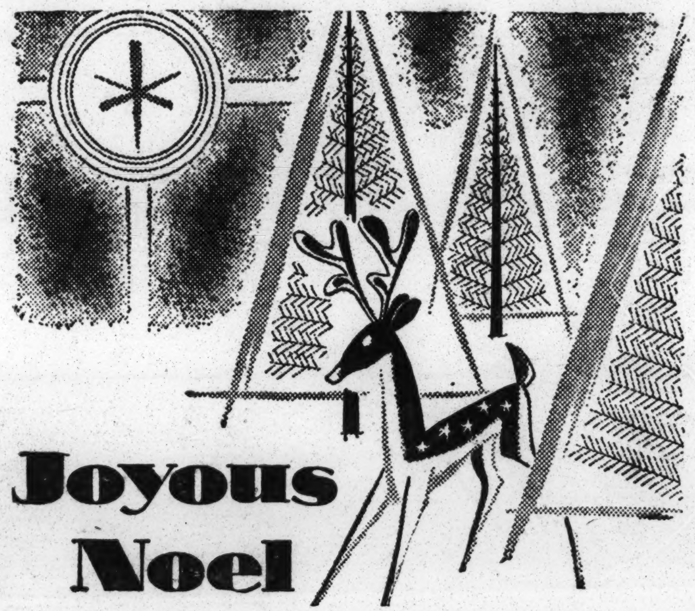
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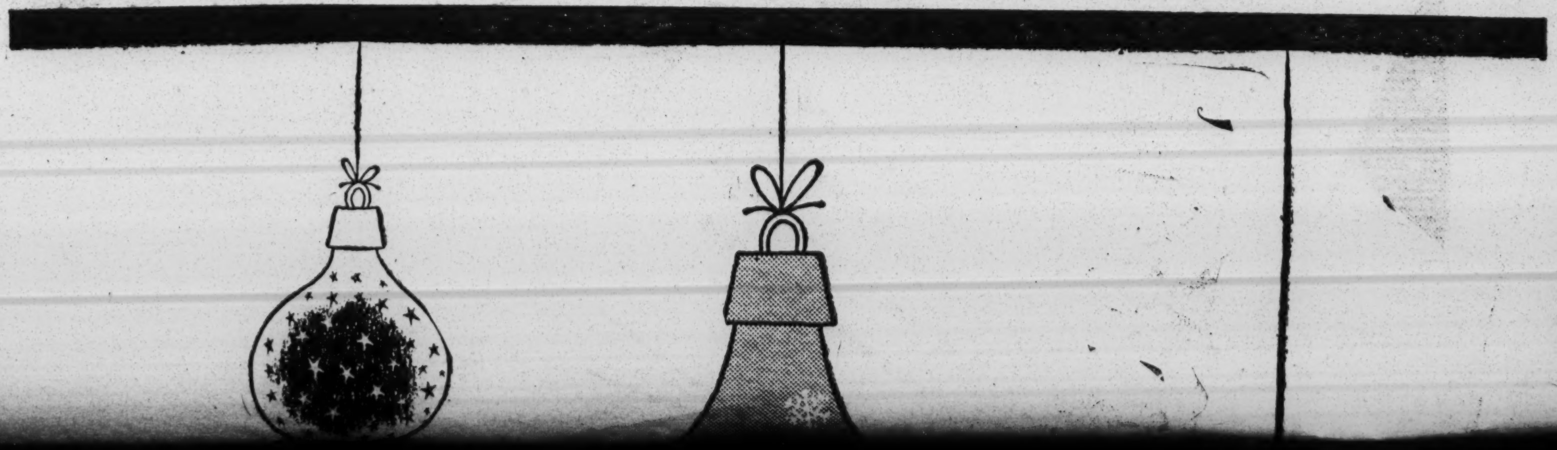

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Quote Of The Month

William Worthy, noted foreign corresponden, quotes the following Polish definition of Communism: "Communism is a system which takes from the stone age its technical level, from salvery its organization, from feudalism its heirarchy, from capitalism its exploitation, and from socialism its name."

Great Day A-Coming

Is the solid South solid? Not on your tintype. For proof, read a wonderful book, NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE, (Rinehart, $5.00), written by two native Southerners, Wilma Dykeman and James Stokely. The book reveals the bitterness and frustration of those determined to resist any change in the racial status quo, but it also cites many heartwarming examples of Southerners willing to accept, even to further equality.

One of the most impressive anecdotes in the book concerns a young blond minister in a little town in Mississippi who asked his congregation one Sunday morning all to bow their heads. Then he said, "Now, for a moment, just imagine that you're a Negro in Mississippi today." He then went on to list many things his members take for granted, which they would be unable to do if they were Negroes.

A few days later one of his members phoned.

"Do you love the niggers?" she asked.

"I do," he replied.

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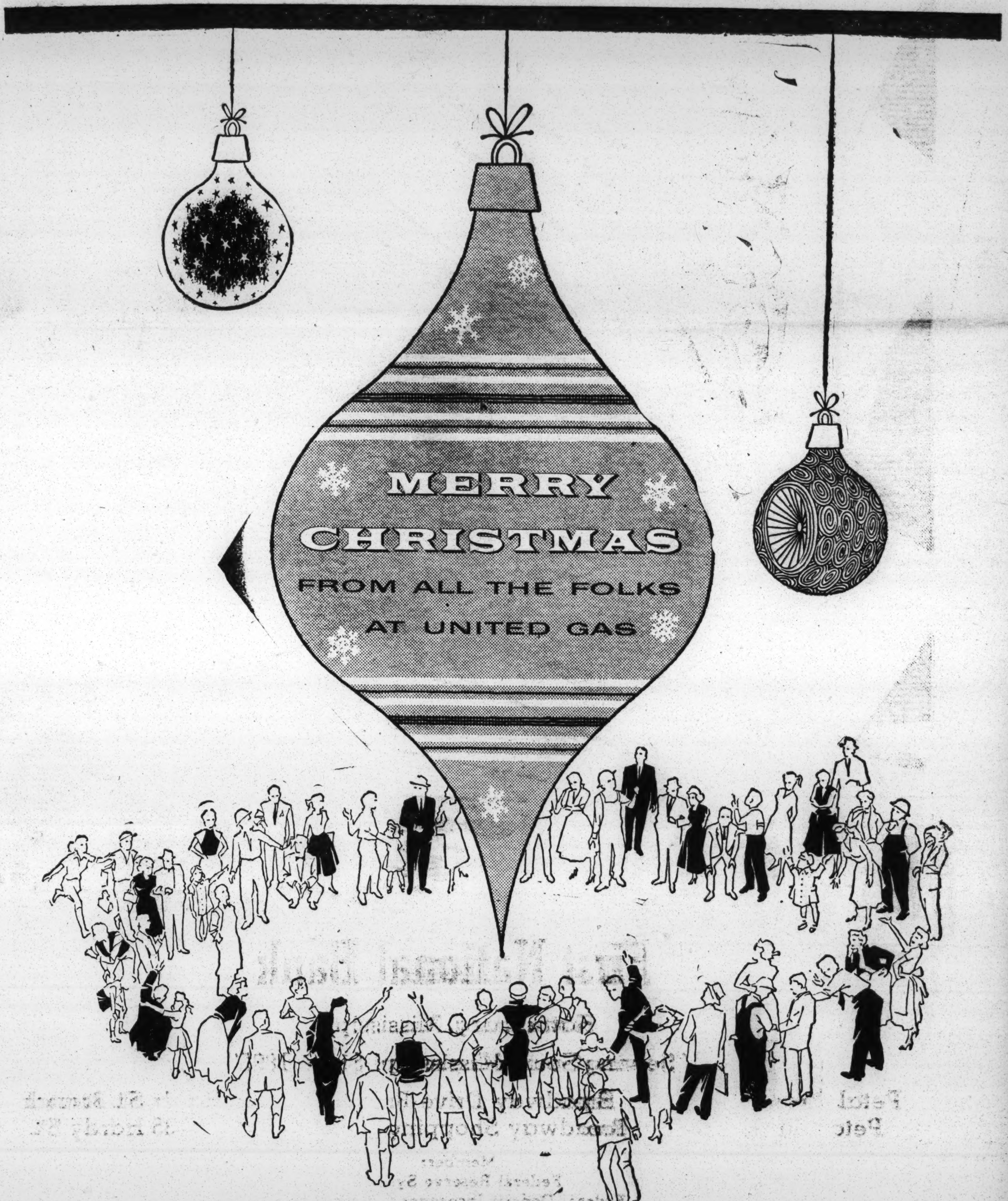

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"Would you let one come in your house?"

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"Would you bring him in your living room?"

"Of course."

The minister decided a sermon on the race issue was in order.

There was a big crowd in church the following Sunday as the Minister told about his brother, who ran right into a German machine-gun nest during World War II. "This is where I die," the soldier said to himself. Suddenly, from behind, a burst of machine-gun fire blasted the Germans and saved his life. But almost immediately, the American Negro soldier who had saved his life was cut down by a second German volley.

"My brother," said the ministre, "took the Negro's head in his lap. The rich red American blood gushed out. He was dead, but my brother is still alive. 'Every time I see the face of a black man,' he said to me, 'there is only love in my heart for him.'"

Whose Rights?

When the new Federal civil rights law was being debated in Congress last summer, most people thought it dealt with Negro rights. Yet the first beneficiaries of the law were the white women of at least one Southern state. In Montgomery, Alabama, thanks to the new law, three white women were chosen to serve on a jury in the U.S. District Court.

Alabama law bars women from jury duty in state courts; until passage of the Federal civil rights law, Federal court juries were bound by the qualifications fixed by the various states — but no longer. Freedom as has been stated before, is indivisible!

Freedom Road — Full Speed Ahead

PLEASANTON, TEXAS — School integration in this little Texas town started smoothly last month, even though it was the first such move under a new state law. The town's board of education decided on integration some months ago, but a state law adopted in August required a referendum before any community could integrate. The local Parent-Teachers Association sponsored a petition for a referendum. Integration was approved by a vote of 343 to 88.

CLEVELAND — Local 38 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Cleveland adopted its first three Negro members after pressure fro mthe national AFL-CIO. Now it has accepted another Negro member — this time without pressure. Samuel W. Baynes last month became the first Negro electrician working with a white Cleveland electrical concern. Equal rights can become a habit.

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment thereof, and I having been substituted by the beneficiary in the place and stead of the original Trustee by an instrument spread at large on the margin of [illegible] Record of said Deed of Trust, and I having been called upon by said beneficiary therein to foreclose thesame.

THEREFORE, I will, on January 10th, 1958 at the front door of the Court-house, within legal hours, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the land described as:

Lots 15 and 16 in Block 6 of the McInnis, Mitchell and Longre Survey or Subdivision of the City of Hattiesburg, as per map or plat thereof on file in Office of Chancery Clerk.

Witness my signature on this the 13th day of December A. D. 1957.

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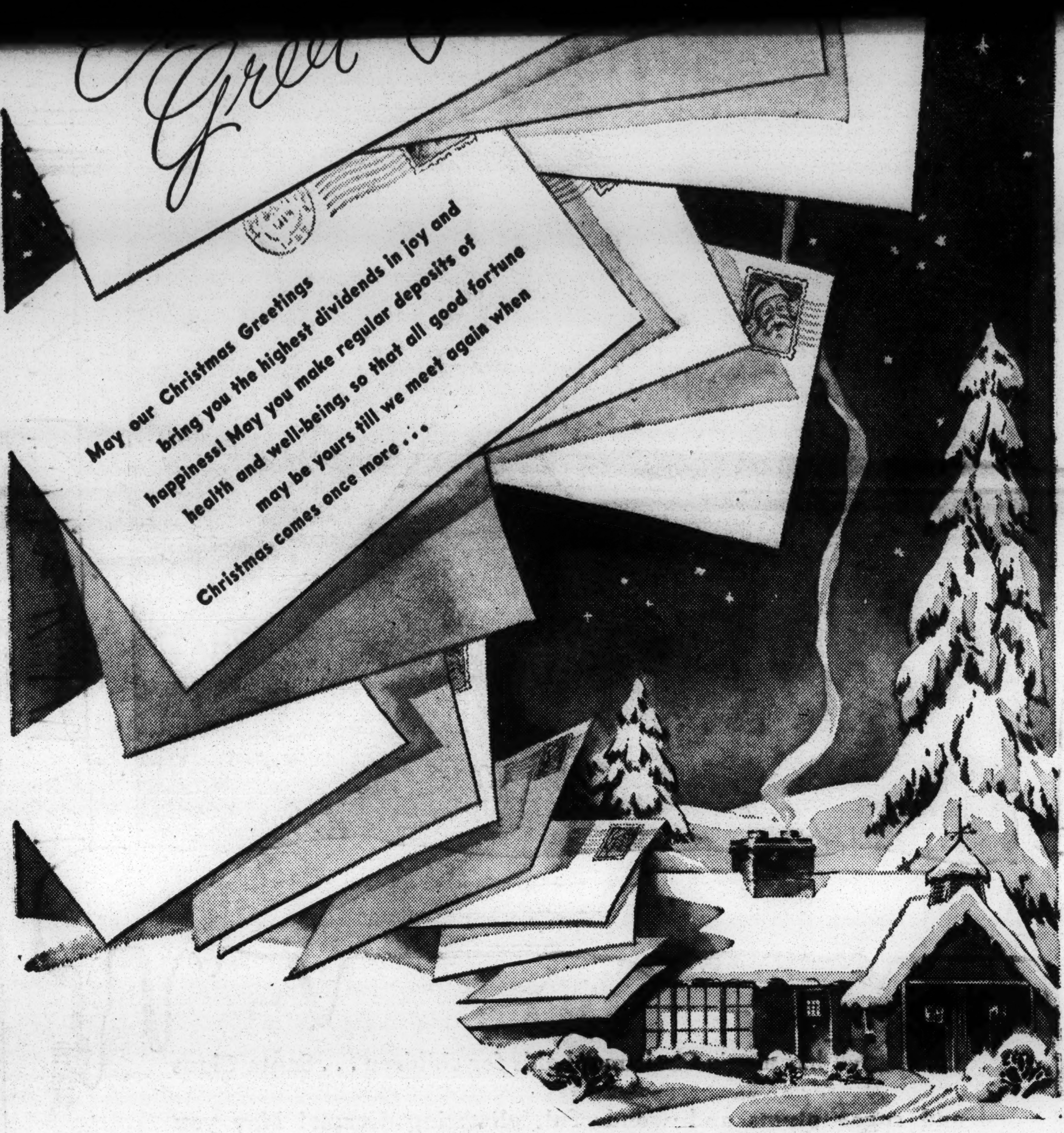

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Part of lots 11 & 12, Block 2 of the D. D. McInnis 3rd Survey or addition to the City of Hattiesburg, Forrest County, Miss. Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Lot 12 and run Southwestward along the West side of and adjoining Frances Street 40 feet thence at right angles Northwestward 100 feet; thence at right angles northeastward and parallel to said Frances Street 40 feet to the North boundary of said lot 11; thence Southeastward along the Northeastward side of lot 11 and 12 100 feet to the point of beginning, being same land described in Deed record book 106, page 209 and 210 together with improvements.

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MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN'S ARMY ROTC RIFLE TEAM: Left to right, rear: SFC James F. Burdett, coach; James M. Jones, 112 Forrest Street, Petal; C. L. Utsey, Gilbertown, Alabama; T. J. Smith, 215 Sunny Lane Drive, Jackson; and Capt. Robert Macklin, Officer in Charge. Front: James R. Harper, 107 Ford Drive, Petal; and Marion Beaumont, 214 Ford Drive, Petal.

The Army ROTC rifle team of Mississippi State walked away with top honors in a shoulder to shoulder match at Starkville which included the Army ROTC teams of Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Mississippi Southern.

Mississippi State's five man team shot 916 points out of a possible 1000, thus winning the McDonald Trophy for the sixth year in a row. Southern's team scored 902 and Ole Miss trailed with 883.

Mississippi State also boasted thethree highest individual scores of the match. Robert L. Saxon, Jr., of Meadville won the Naylor Trophy as high point man, shooting 188 poins out of a possible 200. Teammate Edward F. Seymour of Starkville trailed him by only one point, and Walter B. Green, also of Starkville, was third in individual scoring with 186. John B. Petty of England, Arkansas, (182 points), and Johnnie P. Byrd of Laurel, (175 points), completed the championship Mississippi State team.

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Crops Loss Set At $200 Million

Mississippi farmers, their 1957 crop loss now estimated at $200 million, were assured they'll get some sort of credit with which to finance 1958 operations. The promise, delicately called "financial straws on which to cling," came from a meeting of various agricultural and farm finance groups.

In designated areas, emergency credit will be available to those worthy farmers who cannot get necessary credit from conventional sources, such as local banks, PCA, etc. The FHA has recommended emergency credit for a number of Mississippi counties and applications for such aid in other counties are being processed.

The crop deterioration in North Mississippi for the last two weeks has been the greatest for any similar period.

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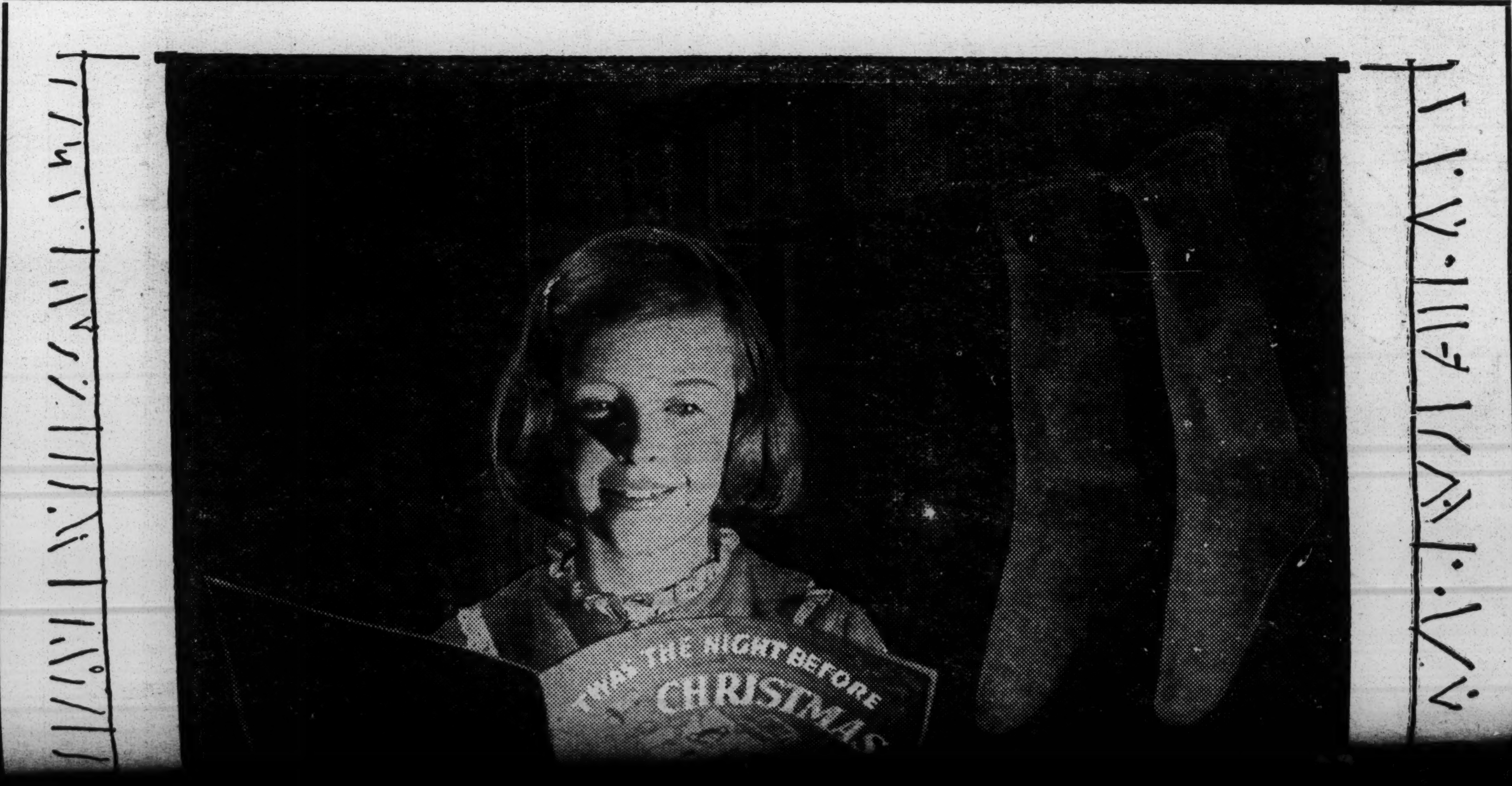
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John Barrack, Louise; Rex Boland, Calhoun City; Robert Wade, Batesville; Kenneth Clive, Nashville, Tennessee, and Clay Wispel, Los Angeles, California, made up the Ole Miss team.

The McDonald Trophy was endowed in 1951 by Col. Stuart C. McDonald. Mississippi Military District Chief from 1948 until 1951. Col. Robert H. Naylor, on his retirement this year as District Chief, added the Naylor Trophy for the high point man.

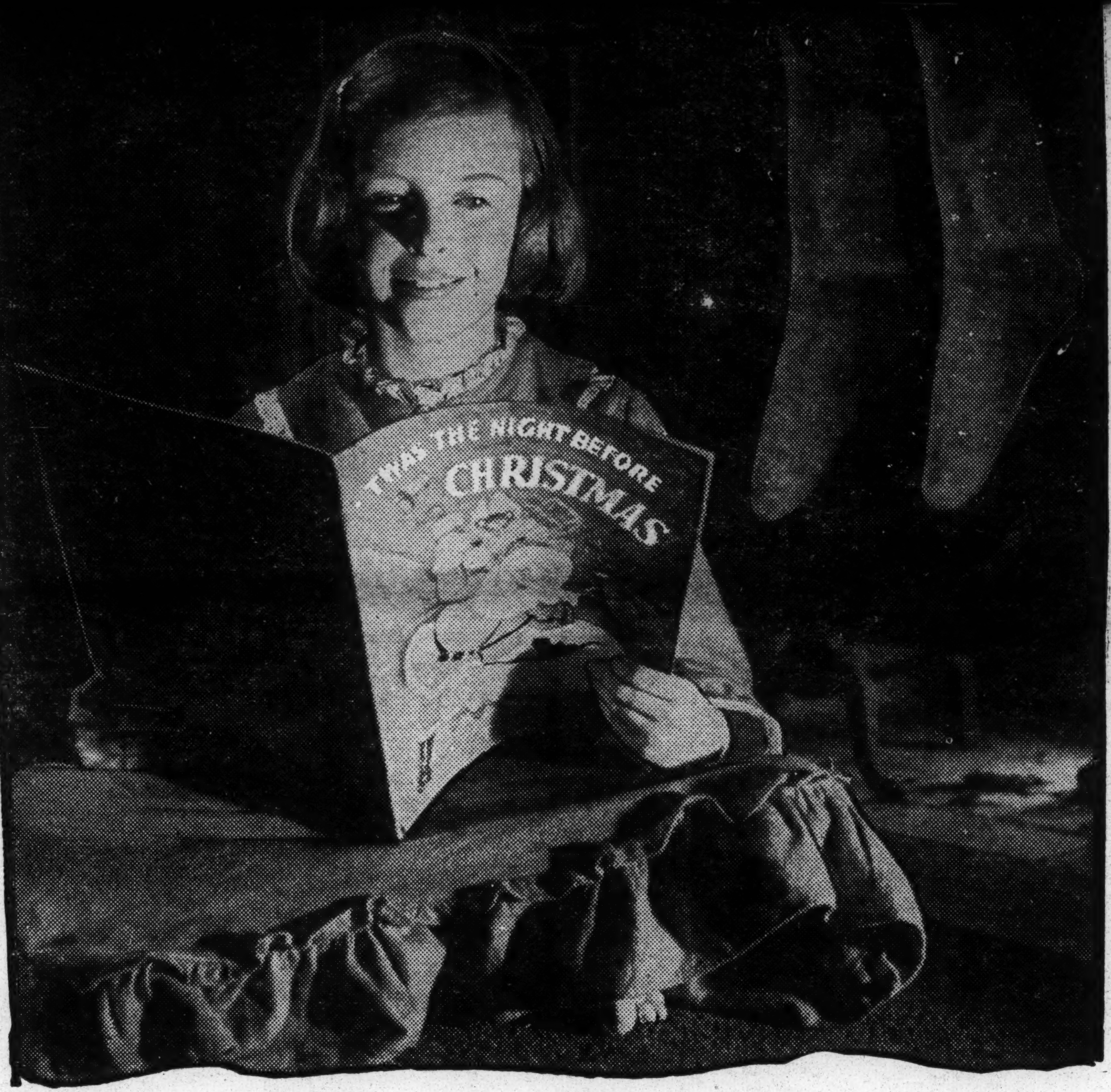
In addition to the trophies, which are kept one year by the winning school, gold medals were presented, this year for the first time, to the five men on the winning team and also to the high point man. They were given to the individual participants by the Henry H. Graves American Legion Post No. 1 of Jackson.

M/Sgt. Willie T. Rogers coached the Mississippi State team and Capt. Richard Sipe was the Officer in Charge. The trophies and medals were presented by Col. Frank J. Barnett, Mississippi Military Chief, immediately following the match.

Creditors Shun Repayment

Clatskanie, Ore.—Dave Coons, 72-year-old farmer, wants to pay back some $23,000 he owes because of business failures 20 to 30 years ago. He inserted an advertisement in a Portland newspaper, which read: "Wanted—All of my creditors from 1930 to date. I am ready to pay." So far, he hasn't received any bills.

In 1791, Vermont was the first state admitted to the Union after the original thirteen colonies.



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think the President's recovery was yet total.

Except for that last little item, in which Hagerty acted as if he were dealing with some awful dumbells, The Master Propagandist made few mistakes during the President's latest illness.

These seemingly trifling items sent the stock market booming. The day before there was a $4 billion drop in 20 minutes. After Hagerty took over key stocks rose from $1 to $7 per share.

Working as I do for an afternoon newspaper with many editions, there was a natural tendency to become irritated with Mrs. Wheaton's handling of the medical news. In retrospect I think many of my fellow correspondents were too hard on the lady. So far as I have been able to determine Mrs. Wheaton was kept just as much in the dark as the rest of us. She was not allowed to see the President. (The next day Hagerty walked in and spent 15 minutes with him.) She could talk to only one doctor, the President's personal physician. The specialists were too busy for her.

I have no desire to go back over her mistakes. Suffice it to say she was flustered, as who would not have been with cuch responsibility thrust upon him.

The point I want to make is that those Democrats who think that the Administration is going to pieces and that the Republicans will be a cinch to beat in 1960, had better take a second look. So long as there is a man named Jim Hagerty around, 1960 is no "sure thing" for The Opposition.

WHAT OF NIXON? — Only a year ago Roscoe Drummond of The New York Hearld Tribune and Max Lerner, the columnist, were sitting at my desk in the small office The New York Post had at the San Francisco GOP convention. Drummond and Lerner were having a friendly argument. Since both are good debaters and have their own outlets for expressing their views I do not care to quote what they said. But the debate dealt with the future of Richard Nixon.

Lerner found it hard to believe that Nixon would ever grow up. Durmmond felt that by 1960 liberals would be supporting him. They made a small bet and I'm the stake-holder. I don't recall exactly what the stakes were but to whomever wins the argument three years from now I shall make an appropriate award — an Eisenhower dollar which, at the present rate, will be worth about 36c.

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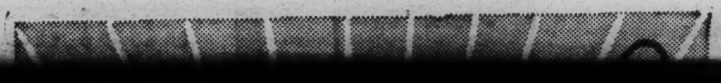

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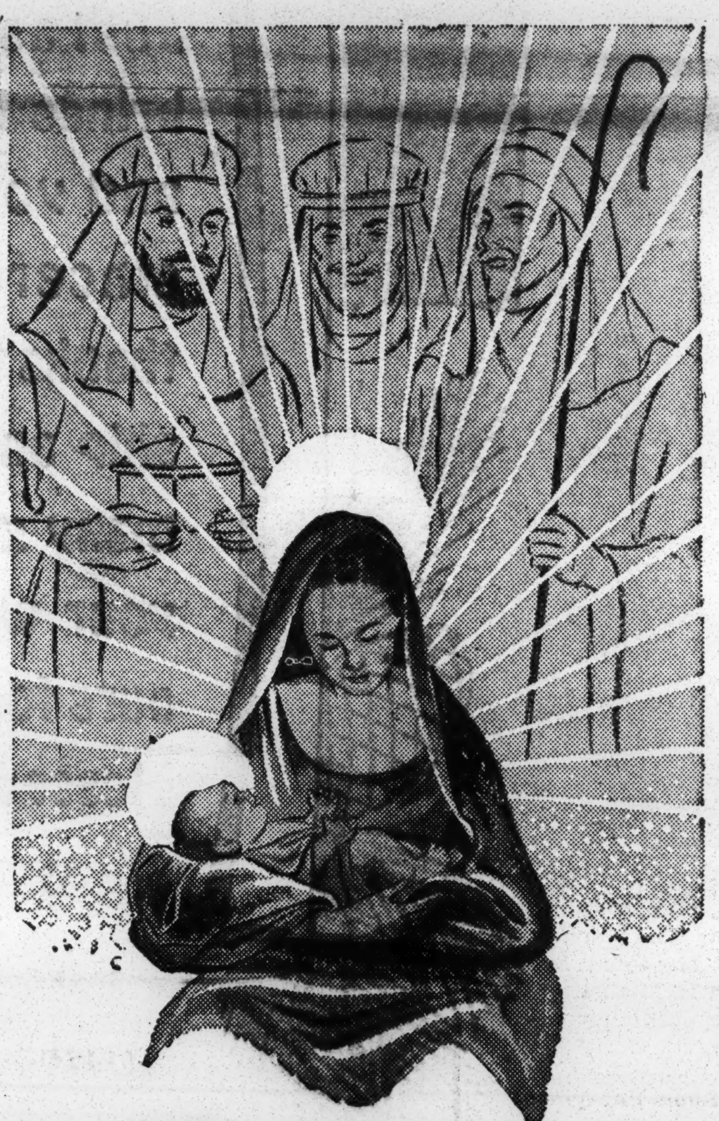

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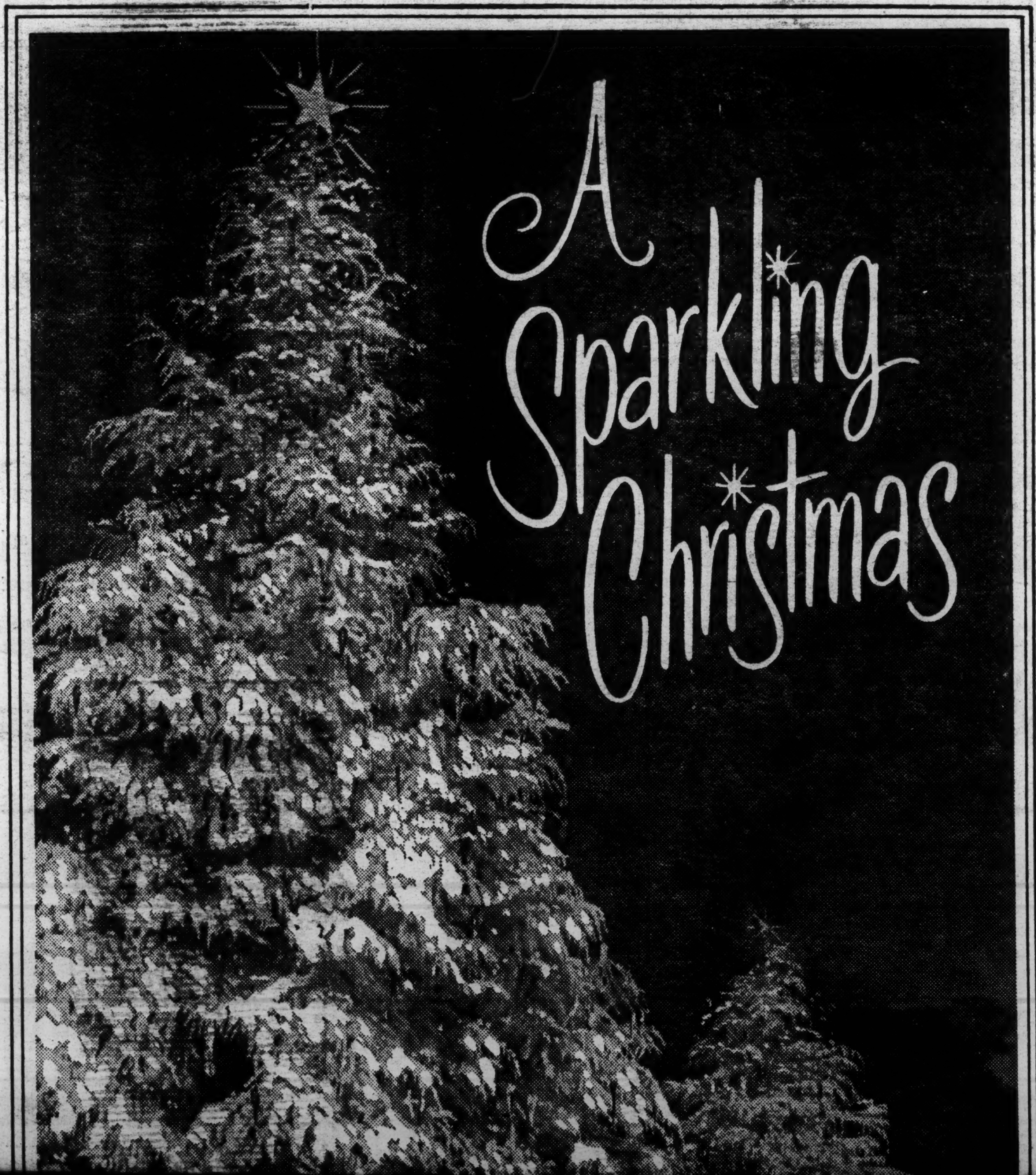
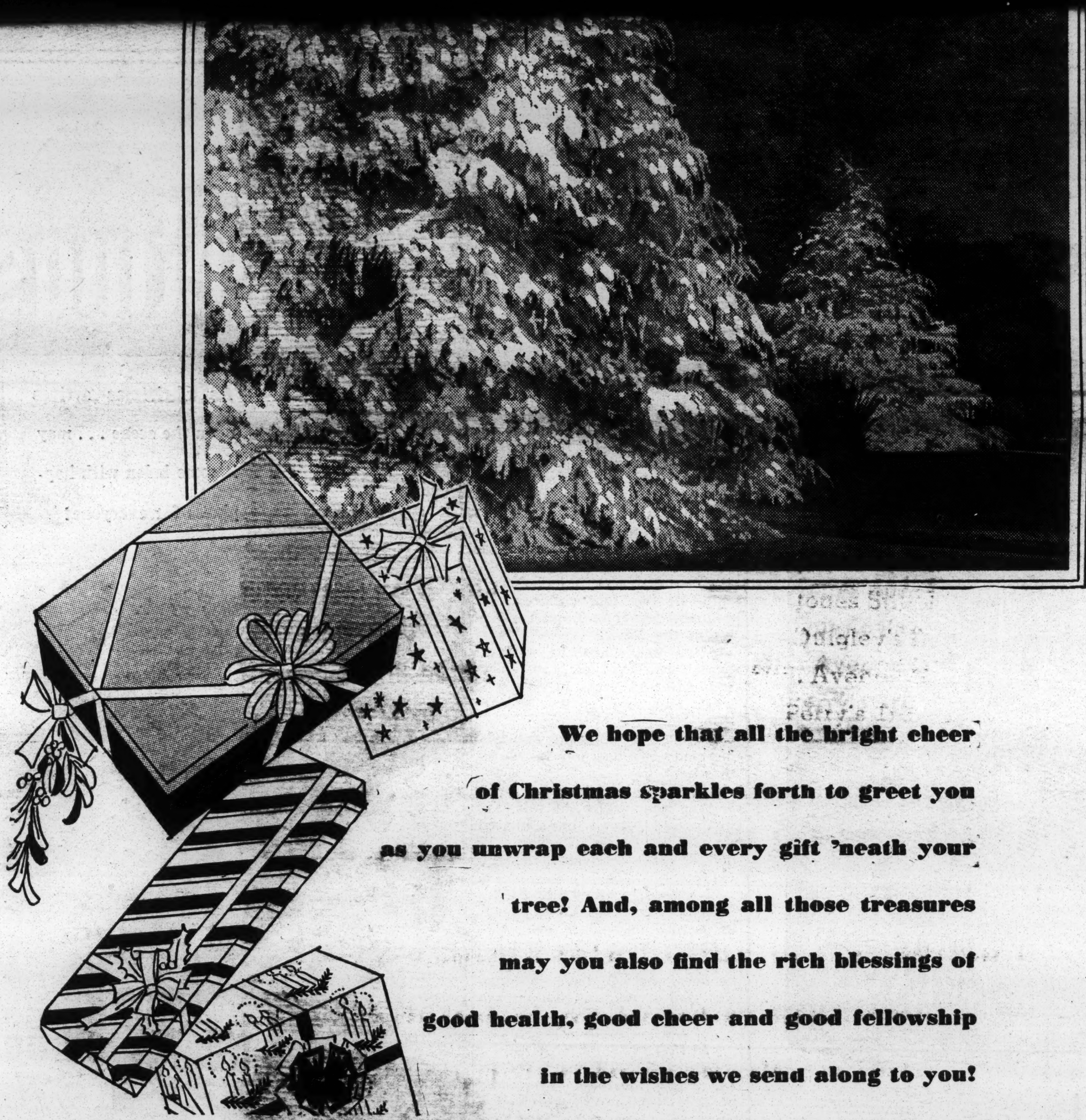

A Sparkling Christmas



We hope that all the bright cheer of Christmas sparkles forth to greet you as you unwrap each and every gift 'neath your tree! And, among all those treasures may you also find the rich blessings of good health, good cheer and good fellowship in the wishes we send along to you!

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Knight Furniture Store
Johnson Auto Parts Co.
Jones Supply Company
Quigley's Funeral Home
Fifth Avenue Grocery & Market
Perry's Tractor Company

Driver's Course For Youngsters Good Xmas Gift

DO YOU HAVE A BOY nearing 16 or just past his 16th birthday? If you do, there has probably been a lot of pressure to be permitted to drive the family car. You cannot put it off much longer.

Why not get him a learner's permit and a paid-up course of driving lessons for Christmas?

Every American boy wants to drive a car, and almost every one will. It is part of our cultural pattern. It is much better to encourage your boy to be a good safe driver than to forbid his driving and set the stage for unwise transgressions.

Christmas is a wonderful time to show your boy that you recognize his growing up and have faith in his developing resppon-sibility. He will live up to your high opinion of him. He will take pride in being the best of possible drivers. You may have to watch yourself that you are as good as he is!

Biggest Gift

Insist on absolute observance of the law. Do not let him take the wheel of the car until he has a learner's permit, and no permit until he is old enough by law to have one.

Almost every 16-year-old boy itches to drive. That's why the tedious hours of practice are looked forward to eagerly, never felt as a burden. Once the real driver's license is acquired he may express a sudden desire for long Sunday trips. Go with him and let him drive a good deal of the time. Let him talk about the car, the road, and his driving. Praise his careful driving, encourage him to prove that teenagers make the best drivers.

When he finally is able to take the car out on his own the question of car insurance comes up. Unfortunately the rates for this kind of insurance are considerably higher when a teen-ager is one of those permitted to drive. No car should ever be on the road without adequate insurance. This matter should be thoroughly discussed with a teen-ager wanting to drive. It is my feeling that the additional cost of the car insurance is an expense the boy himself should pay. Let him get some out-of-school and weekend jobs and earn the money that is needed to have him covered by insurance. This adds to his feeling of responsibility about the car.

So at Christmas time give your boy the first step in learning to drive. He will appreciate your recognition of his growing maturity, feel warm and friendly toward you and most likely do everything in his power to warrant your confidence in him.

Merry Christmas
TO OUR MANY FRIENDS

BRECK'S SIGN SHOP

39 Batson Dial 3-0721

Salesman Enrolls As College Frosh At 39 Years Old

GALESBURG, Ill. — Action speaks for John Lowery who

Merry Christmas To All

Best Christmas Wishes

Our message to you comes wrapped in the gay spirit of holiday time!

Stokes Distributing Co.

112 Second St. Dial 3-2591

Christmas
OUR MANY FRIENDS

BRECK'S SIGN SHOP
39 Batson Dial 3-0721

A Blessed Yuletide

As the holy season arrives to unfold again its beautiful message, we extend to you our sincere greetings.

WHITE SYSTEM of Hattiesburg, Inc.
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GALESBURG, Ill. —Action speaks for John Lowery who figures it isn't too late to learn.

At 39, the farm implement dealer enrolled this fall as a freshman at Knox College with an eye on a college diploma.

The fact that his oldest son is the same age as his fellow freshmen class members doesn't discourage him. Nor does the fact that he must drive 20 miles from his hometown of Woodhull to attend classes each day.

Before he resumed his education after a 21-year lapse, Lowery operated a farm tool dealership. He has four children, the youngest less than 2 and the oldest in the Navy.

After high school he went to work for a steel plant in Gary, Ind. After 13 years he left that work and acquired the dealership.

After eight years in business, he made his decision to return to school.

Although his studies are harder than he expected, he finds the instructors "aren't like what I thought they'd be. They're friendlier, more interested, than I'd expected."

"I especially enjoy the friendliness and courtsey of the younger people," he said.

Lowery would like to teach business education. But whatever he does, he will have attained the goal it was not too late to reach for — higher education.

ALERTNESS REWARDED

Sutton, N.C.—Kenneth Thorne, 10, whose alertness averted a possible train wreck, received a shiny ne wbike and a $100 savings bond. When the click-clack of the rails didn't ring true to Kenneth's ears when the eastboundmail train roared through here recently, he investigated and found a broken rail. With the westbound train due in minutes, the boy ran a quarter mile to alert a brakeman. The engineer was ordered by radio to stop his train. The bicycle and the bond came from Great Northern Railway President John M. Budd.

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As Christmas arrives upon the scene . . . may it come laden with happiness for everyone!

AMES Tire & Service Co.
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Merry Christmas To All

Our jolly old Santa is taking his cue,
By helping us say, "Merry Christmas to you!"

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Watch On The POTOMAC

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REFLECTIONS ON THE SOVIET REVOLUTION—While all the world is agog at Sputniks I and II, there are other aspects of the Soviet revolution that we seem to have forgotten all about.

Forty years ago, Lenin and Trotsky told the angry, disheartened people of Russia not to reach for the moon—but they did promise heaven on earth. Now, four decades later, what is the score?

The Soviet government still does not enjoy the free allegiance of its people, nor those of its satellite neighbors. The 200,000,000 citizens of the Russian state still live under the watching eyes of the secret police. The forced labor camps have not been emptied. The Russian people remain ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed.

It is true that they have gone far in the race for outer-space. Totalitarian governments have many short-range advantages over the free, more relaxed Western democracies. Other dictatorships have also done well, in the short-run. With slave labor the pharoahs built pyramids, Hitler built super-highways and Mussolini made the trains run on time. Where are they now?

Khruschchev is a more picturesque dictator than Stalin and maybe there are great internal changes for the better coming inside Russia. But I cannot share the end1of1the1world attitude that's been so prevalent here since the Sputniks went up into outer space. The Russian Communists still haven't conquered the heavens, and life in Moscow is still hell on earth.

HUMOR ON THE UPPER LEVELS—During the recent dispute over the acceptance of gifts from King Saud by the State Dept.'s Deputy Chief of Protocol, Victor Purse, the Washington wits had a field day. Everybody had something to say, but the crack we like best was supposed to have been made at Secretary Dulles'staff meeting. Said one punster:

"You can't makea silk Purse out of a Saud's ear."

POSTSCRIPT TO THE ELECTION—One election report that seemed to me badly underplayed by newsmen around the country was the outcome of the vote at Little Rock, Ark. After all the fuss by Gov. Faubus the people of that city elected six moderates, pledged to back the Supreme Court integration decision. This was in a race for the seven-man city Board of Directors.

The White Citizens' Councils and the local junior Klansmen went in for considerable rabble-rousing—but they still lost and so did Faubus.

In Virginia, too, an integrationist was elected to the Arlington County board after the Byrd machine pulled out all the stops in racist demagogery. These events, had the press given them the attention they deserved, were out little Sputnikc for all the world to see.

CONFLICT OFINTEREST — Sen. William Langer (A. N.D.) has come up with a suggestion that will get nowhere in Congress, but merits public discussion nonethe less In view of all the feigned indignation about "conflicts of interest" cases in the Executive branche he thinks all Congressmen, Senators and other government employees earning more than $10,000 a year should be required to disclose their incomes, assets and dealings in securities or commodities.

And why not?

The Democratic Salute to Sputnik

Sputnik, Sputnik, in the sky
Sounding beeps as you fly by,
Is there room inside your hullnik,
For Ike and Dick and Foster
Dullnik?

Season's Greetings

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Season's Greetings

Our best wishes to one and all for a very merry Christmas!

Dixie Pine Products Company
Hattiesburg

As Christmas draws near, we would like to shout from the housetops, "Happy Holiday to all!"

The Drug Center
Hardy St. Dial 3-1768

Spivack On Kennedy

By Robert G. Spivack

WHAT MAKES JOHNNYRUN? One of the nicest young men in Washington is Sen. John F. Kennedy. It's too bad that he's been bitten by the presidential bug.

In these parts a man who wants to become President is said to be afflicted by Potomac Fever. It does strange things to all sorts of normally level-headed people. Kennedy's no exception. He's running so hard for the White House I suspect he will be out of breath before another year passes.

Kennedy seems to be getting advice from many sources on how to keep his name in the public eye. We don't know if he is paying for it or is getting it free. If it is free, I would say it's still no bargain.

Young John is turning out to be as badly advised as any candidate for President I've seen around in many years.

I suppose it's too much to suggest that any man ask himself, "Honestly, what have I done to deserve a Presidential nomination?" While a man will not ask this of himself, others are certain to ask it. And when you examine the Kennedy record, there unfortunately just isn't much of a record.

It's not that he voted "wrong" so many times. The AFL-CIO rates him pretty highly and so does Americans for Democratic Action, except that he was absent during the McCarthy censure vote. The trouble with Kennedy is that his record is mostly verbal. He just hasn't done much except make speeches.

The situation was summed up succintly by one press gallery wit who said of Kennedy's book Profiles in Courage, "What John needs is a lot less profile and a lot more courage."

WHO'S USING WHOM?—Tactically the list of Kennedy's mistakes is as long as your arm. He within a few votes of winning the vice presidential nomination away from Sen. Kefauver.

From that moment on, so the story goes, Papa Joe Kennedy, the Massachusetts millionaire, decided that before he passes on he was going to see his son take up residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Papa Joe is a very determined man, with a free-flowing fountain pen.

While Papa Joe is long on cash, he seems short on judgment. What he apparently fails to realize, or doesn't want to realize, is that the vote at the Democratic convention was not pro-Kennedy. It was anti-Kefauver.

Look at the roster of states that voted for Kennedy. First there was virtually the whole Deep South. Then the big city machine bosses. Then the Rayburn-Johnson followers from the oil country.

Why did they want Kennedy? Obviously because they thought thetrust-busting, rackets-busting Kefauver could not be controlled. They were gambling that Kennedy was more pliable.

As we read the Kennedy timetable his managers have decided that the first thing he must do is win a solid core of support for 1960 in the Deep South. So he's gone everywhere from Gainesville, Fla., to Jackson, Miss. Sen. John McClellan of Arkansas took time off from praising Gov. Faubus' action at LittleRock to say "Kennedy has definite Presidential potentials."

Georgia's Democratic chairman John S. Bell, says "it's highly likely" his state delegation will support Kennedy for President. Sens. Herman Talmadge and Richard Russell even arranged a dinner in Atlanta for the youthful aspirant.

Kennedy may think this is all great stuff. What he doesn't seem to understand is that the Old South is desperate. In its desperation it pretends to be willing to overlook Kennedy's religion. Maybe it will and maybe it won't To the rest of the country becoming known as the fair-haired boy of the white supremacy bloc is a distinct liability. And that's what I mean by being "badly advised." Whoever is managing Kennedy needs a refresher course in politics.

GIFT EXACTLY RIGHT

Charlottesville, Va. — A local housewife made the perfect gift to her neighbor's children when she gave them a puppy to replace the one they had recently lost. The pup she obtained from the local S.P.C.A. shelter looked precisely like the one which had strayed off. And, in fact, it was the same one.

Merry Christmas To All

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be surrounded by all the blessings and joys of this festive Holiday Season!

American Dry Cleaners

207 E. Pine

Dial 3-3491

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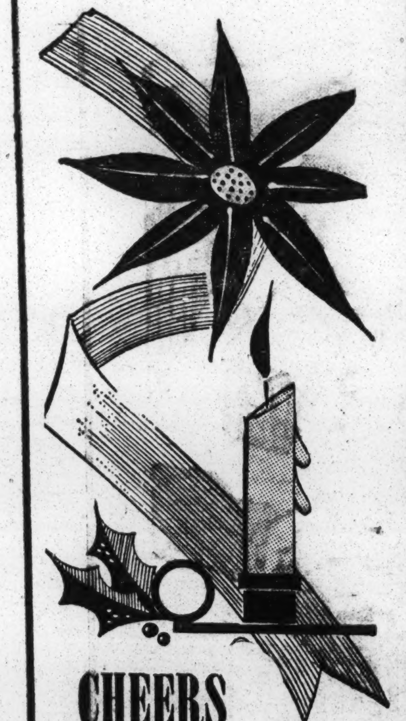

CHEERS

A bright Christmas
to our many friends!

Aplin Auto Sales
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CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS

To our many friends both old and new, we wish the joys of the season in fullest measure. May your holidays sparkle with the merriment of good times and good cheer, and glow with the radiance of warm friendships, family and home.

Reliance Manufacturing Co.
Hattiesburg

Livestock Nose Count Is Planned

Ray Converse, Mississippi statistician for the U. S. Department of Agriculture said his office plans a nose count of the cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, horses, mules and poultry in the state.

"With the help of farmers and ranchers in Mississippi," he said, "We've been getting a very accurate estimate of livestock and poultry holdings."

He said nearly 30,000 cards were mailed to a random list of farmers throughout the state. The final tally, to be released next year, will include an estimate of the livestock throughout the nation. These figures are helpful to farmers, ranchers, and businessmen in planning their operations for the coming year.

State Makes Like Popeye

Mississippi's 1958 winter Spinach crop is estimated at 800 acres planted or to be planted. This is 11 percent below the 900 acres planted last year.

Around 200 acres of last year's planted acreage was either drown by excessive rainfall, or abandoned because fields were so wet that weeds and grass could not be cultivated out.

The bulk of the acreage is in the Delta area around Leland and Scott, with smaller acreages in the Laurel area in Southeast Mississippi.

Free Inspection Of Poultry Is Slated

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it will start inspection of poultry without cost at approved plants about May 1, 1958. Legislation passed by the last session of Congress authorized inspection of poultry moving in interstate commerce or in designated major consuming areas.

The purpose of the inspection service is to assure consumers a supply of clean, disease-free chicken meat. Inspection will be on a voluntary basis until Jan. 1, 1959. After that it will be mandatory.

At the present time some plants are receiving federal inspection service, but must pay for it on a fee basis.

Rain Cuts Cotton By $100 Millions

Adverse weather since Sept. 1 has reduced Mississippi's cotton crop by 100 million dollars. The cotton crop — particularly in the Delta's heavy production area where the harvest was less than half completed — suffered a body blow from the weather.

The rains kept the farmers from getting into the fields to gather the cotton and knocked bolls to the ground and caused boll rot, lowering the grade. The fall rains were disastrous because much of the cotton was planted late and some re-planted, resulting in late maturing.

On a state-wide basis, only 52 percent of the crop had been harvested by Nov. 1 — smallest percentage as of that date since 1913. Other effects of the rain have been to delay the corn harvest, delay oat planting and grazing and virtually destroying the bean crop in vegetable areas.

The only favorable aspect of the rains is that forest fire danger has been reduced.

Syria's four million people live in a 70,000 square mile area — about the size of North Dakota.

Livestock Owners Urged To Record Their Own Brands

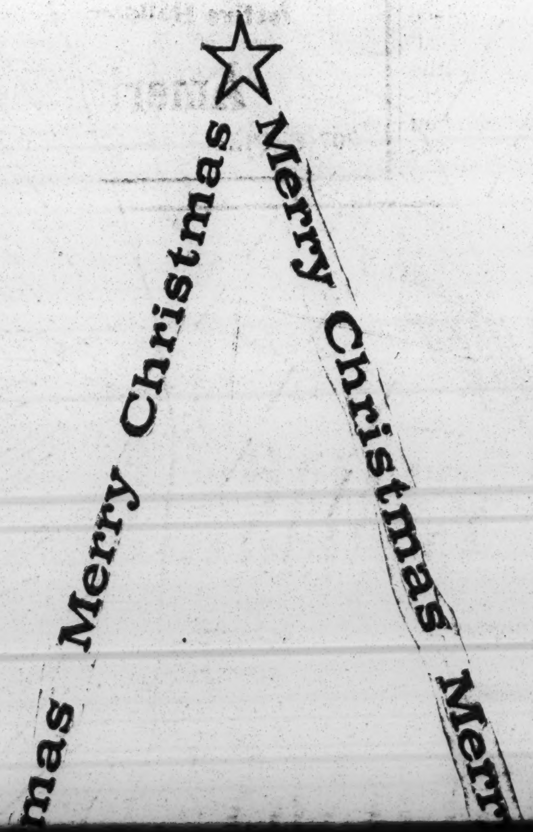
All livestock owners who have not re-recorded their brands for the present five-ear registration period, July 1, 1957 through June 30, 1962, are urged to re-record them at once with the Mississippi Livestock Theft Bureau.

Many have failed to re-register their present irons, and unless expired brand registrations are renewed immediately quite a number of brands will be lost by owners.

All brand owners who do not have a current certificate are urged to send in the re-recording request with the $2.00 registration fee required. This should be done at once.

STAMP MAP

San Antonio, Tex. — The San Pedro library recently received a map of the United States made entirely of stamps. The map, made by Frederick A. Marsh, a postoffice clerk, contains more than 100 commemorative stamps of historian events and famous men.



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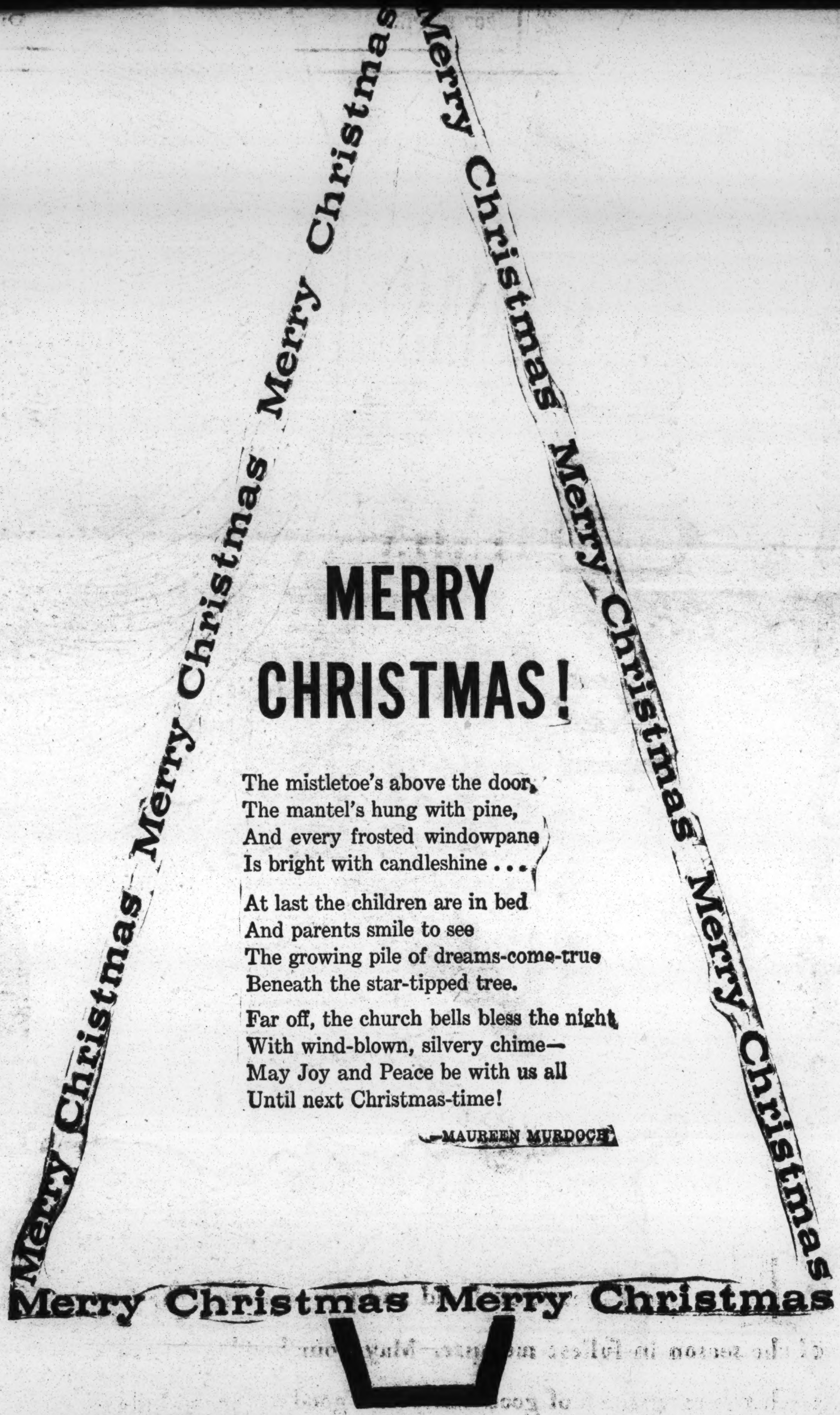
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The mistletoe's above the door,
The mantel's hung with pine,
And every frosted windowpane
Is bright with candleshine . . .

At last the children are in bed
And parents smile to see
The growing pile of dreams-come-true
Beneath the star-tipped tree.

Far off, the church bells bless the night
With wind-blown, silvery chime—
May Joy and Peace be with us all
Until next Christmas-time!

—MAUREEN MURDOCH

REDDY HELPS YOU

MISSISSIPPI POWER COMPANY

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May your celebration be wreathed in the happiness of the Yuletide season.

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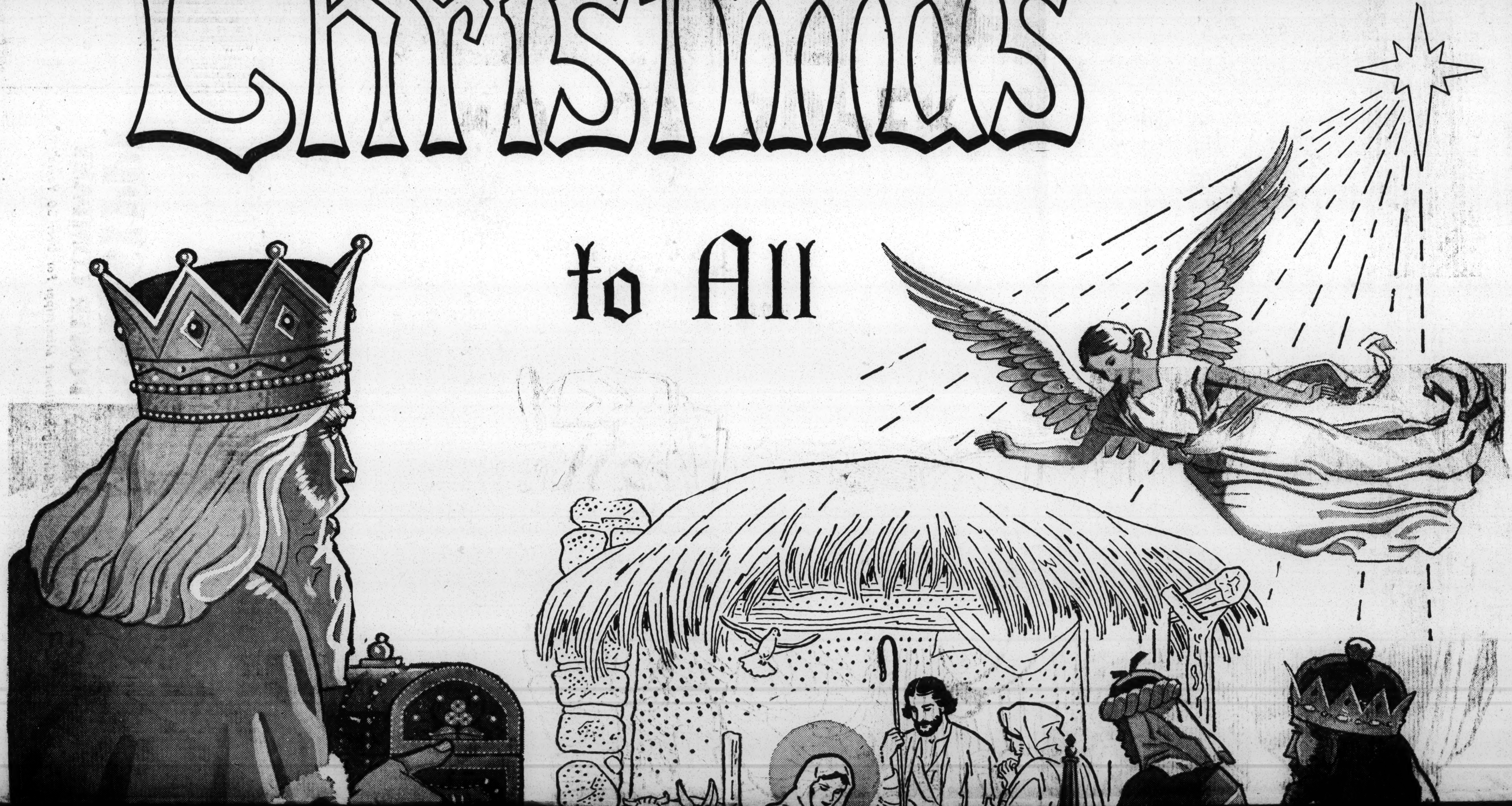
a fun-filled Christmas to one and all!

Betty & Paul Wright

SOUTHLAND FLORIST

200 St. Paul Dial 4-7541

A Joyous Christmas to All



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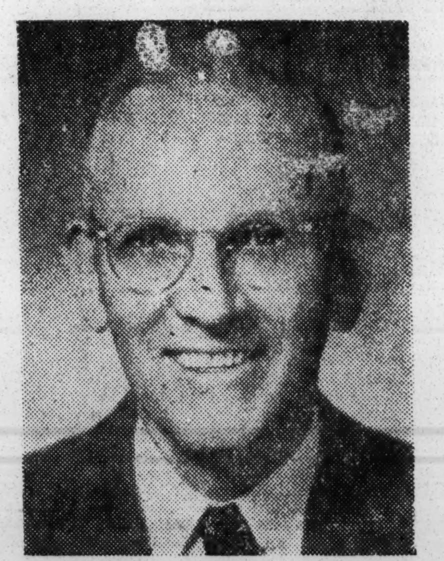
FORREST COUNTY

by the

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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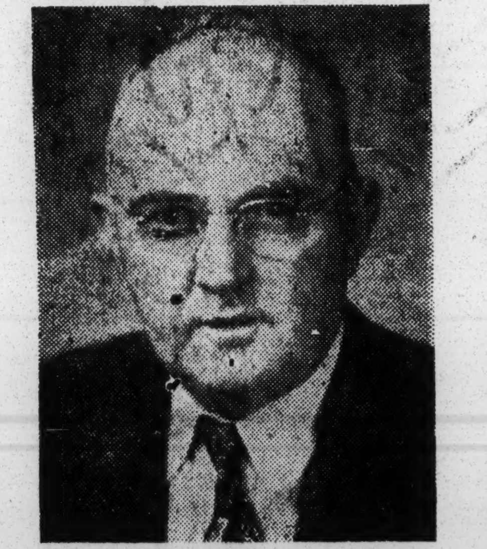

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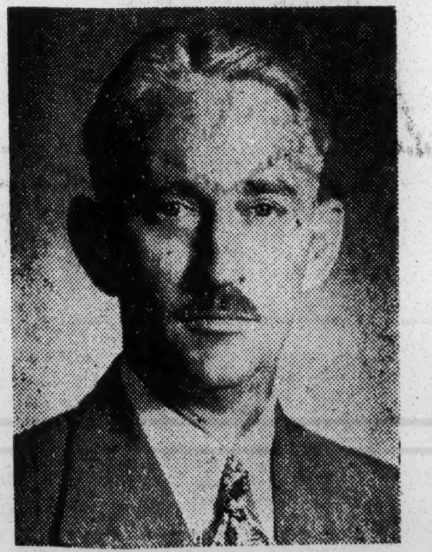

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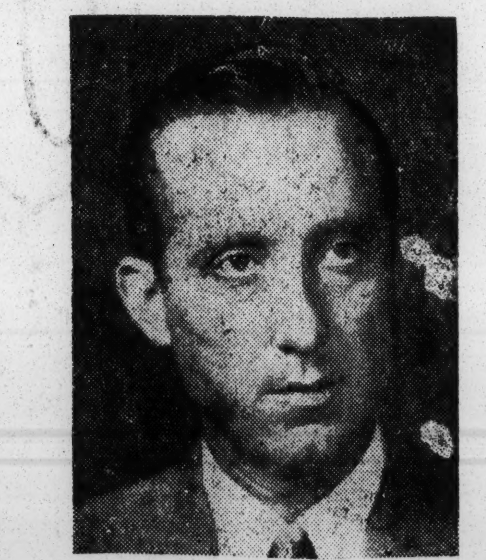

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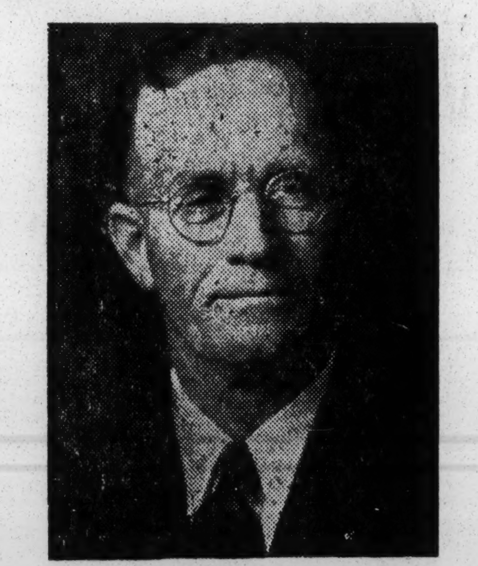

Herbert Lee
Beat 5

BEST WISHES

to all our friends for a gay, colorful Christmas season.

FRANK P. CORSO, INC.

126 Railroad St. Dial 2-1564

THE WORLD OF NATURE

by

John M. Frazier, Conservationist
Mississippi Southern College

Behold The Pattern

Civilization has been the cause of many of its own problems. Not the least of the problems the civilized world faces today is that of a continued adequate supply of water. Many of the populous areas have brought on their own destruction by the way they handled their water. Many thriving cities of past ages are now in ruins in the midst of desert and desolation. The cause of the changes in many instances is the work of man: not the natural change in climate.

In the Near East we have the example of this as given in the Book of enesis 13-10. At the separation of Abraham and Lot, we are told "and Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest into Zoar."

This description as given does not fit the picture of the plain of Jordan as it is today. One of the chief problems the people of that area have today is an adequate supply of water. Water is needed for personal use, it is needed for irrigation, it is needed for industry, it is needed for recreation, and perhaps other uses.

The Practice

People of ancient times—before the Christian era—knew how, and practiced irrigation of arid and semi-arid lands.

They did not have the great industrial demand for water that we have today, but they practiced certain other customs which tended to reduce the water supply. The population increased, as is the natural tendency. This brought greater and greater demand for more agricultural land to cultivate and more sheep and goats to graze.

Forests were cut for building material and other purposes. More land was cleared, more grazing was done, less water could be retained in the soil, streams ceased to flow, wells went dry because the water table became lower and

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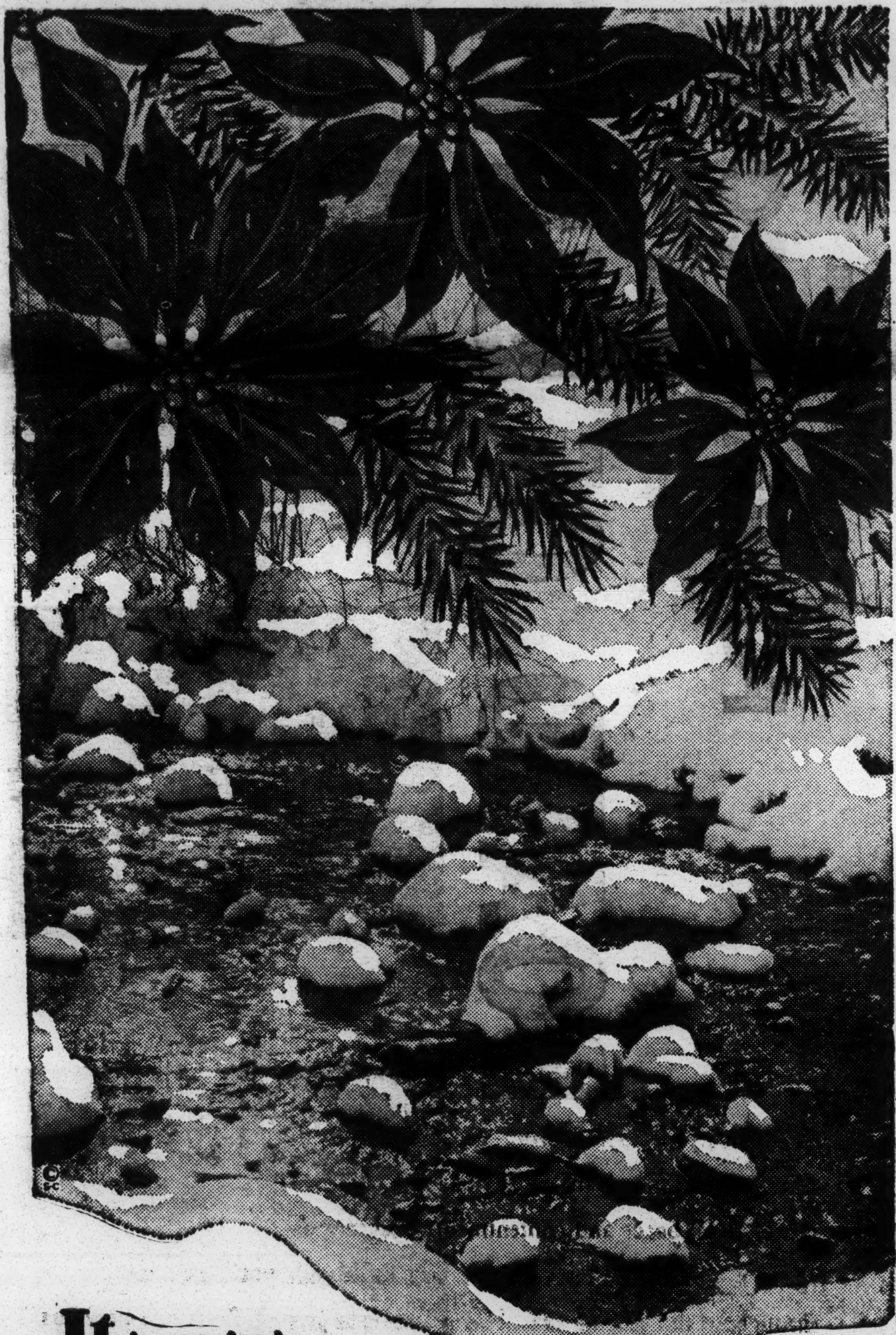

It is our fond hope that the enchanting beauty of the Christmas season will be mirrored in happiness for you and your family.

JOE MORRIS MOTORS

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Best Wishes for a Gay, Old-Fashioned Christmas!

We wish for you all the happy hustle and bustle of a traditional Yuletide!

HUB PRINTING COMPANY

108 Agnes St. Dial 3-3061

Merry Christmas To All

Christmas Greetings

Holiday joy to you and yours!

FRANCIS T. ZACHARY

Circuit Judge

Nature . . .

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lower, irrigation canals filled with silt. All of these events are a part of a chain of events.

There is only one possible result. The land cannot support the inhabitants. As the lack of water reduces the crops, limits grazing, and dries up, the soil is blown away. The once prosperous cities are abandoned. Modern archeologists are now uncovering the sites of many thriving civilized cities of former centuries.

Other Examples

Archeologists have dug up cities in northwest India, Syria, North Africa and other places that have flourished in fertile valleys and prosperous agricultural areas. Great areas of land formerly productive have become barren waste. The Bad Land in the Shensi province of North China is a result of over use of both land and water. In that province, erosion has produced gullies as deep as 600 feet or more. This, like some of the worthless land of Africa and Asia, is the direct result of man's abuse—not use— of the soil and water.

The reason we know there has not been enough climatic change to do so much damage is that where small tracts of forest lands have remained, they continue to produce good trees. In the Near East, the famous Cedars of Lebanon, used by King Solomon, still thrive in limited areas. In these forests. man did not do the destructive work he did where the desert has taken over.

Our Situation

Until very recent years many people have looked on our supply of water as the early settlers looked on the forests. They thought there was enough and to spare. But with the rapid change in our manner of life from the agrarian to the industrial type, there is a great increase in our demand for water.

We now see that our supply of water is limited. Already we have certain industrial cities where the demand is equal to, and at times greater than, thesupply. This is a limiting factor in population growth and industrial progress of these cities. It will be the situation in many other cities in the near future.

The rivers and smaller streams do not have the steady flow they formerly had. They cannot, therefore, supply the water needed at all times. In many cases the water is so badly polluted with industrial waste and sewage that it cannot be used.

The water of any stream should be kept clean at all times so that any city, town or village on its banks could use it with reasonable treatment. Instead of this being the case, many cities tap the ground reservoir for their water.

Ground Water

Because of the unsatisfactory stream situation many municipalities, industries and individuals are drilling deep wells. This usually produces a good supply of high quality water. It would be ideal if the supply were inexhaustable as people formerly believed.

The true situation is disconcert-

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Merry Christmas!

Best wishes for a bright holiday.

HAROLD B. CUBLEY

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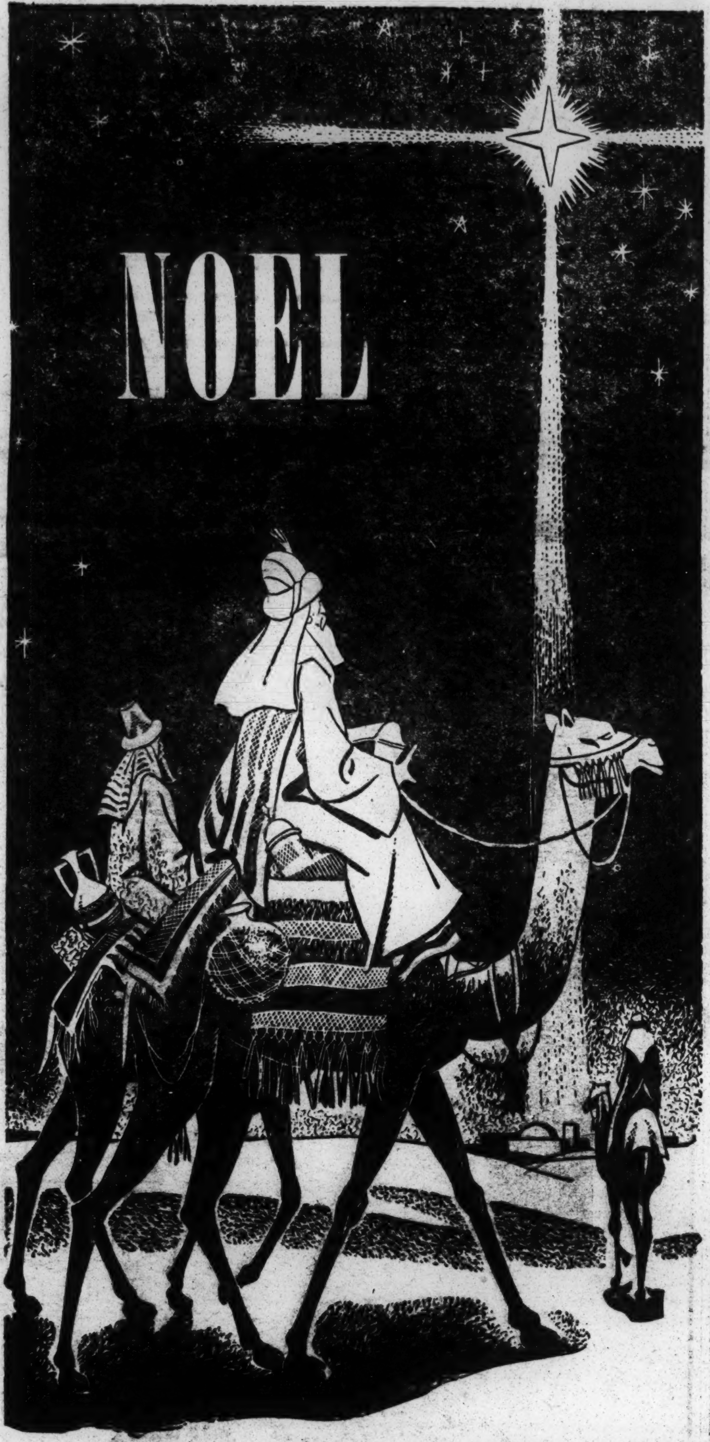

As we travel on our long journey toward the goal of spiritual understanding, may the light of true faith lead us to our destination.

SOUTHEASTERN MATERIALS CO.
Hattiesburg

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Spirit of Christmas

As you worship in the Church of your choice, may Christmas bring you the most precious gift of all... peace and contentment. And may the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate abide with you now and throughout the coming year. May all the true joys of Christmas be yours.

Sue Stewart —

Beverly Drive In Theatre

Merry Christmas To All

Season's Greetings

Hattiesburg
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Nature . . .

(Continued from Preceding Page) ing. It gives us cause even for deep thought and will require firm action. The water table is falling in many areas. This will affect the home supply of many people who have wells. Within the past two or three decades many fine wells have gone dry. New ones have been drilled much deeper. The water level continues to fall.

Crop land will become dryer and less productive. Doughts and dust bowls will be common. We must conserve the source of our water.

Near sea coasts salt water will move in to replace fresh water. This will destroy the usefulness of the water and the productivity of the land.

WOMAN'S PREROGATIVE

Little Rock, Ark. — Christmas tree salesmen were not too surprised when a woman brought back a tree she had bought, explaning she wanted to exchange it because the tree didn't seem to fit into her living room. The salesmen told her to take her choice nad she started a tour of the trees. The original tree was replaced among those on display. After circling the trees, the lady finally selected one she liked — the same one she had brought back.

Planes Will Drop Xmas Presents To Jungle Troops

KUALA LUMPUR —RAF Valetta transports will wing out over Malaya's green jungles on Christmas Eve dropping cannisters filled with Christmas fare to British Commonwealth troops forced by the Communist rebellion to spend the festive season in jungle forts, isolated outposts or on patrol.

It will be the 10th Christmas in succession that Commonwealth forces have had no break from the gruelling jungle warfare.

"I must stress that there will be no question of a letup," a senior army spokesman said.

"It is impossible to say how many men will be out in the jungle on Christmas Eve or Christmas itself. There are always several hundred troops at one time out on patrol but if we were to receive a hot tip on Christmas Eve we would immediately mount an operation," he added.

The Christmas "hampers" dropped by parachute will include cold turkey, pudding, nuts, whisky, brandy, beer and Christmas delicacies.

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To many of the Australians and New Zealanders, it will be their first Christmas away from home.

DRIVERLESS AUTOMATION

Decatur, Ill. — A car without a driver rolled backward and moved diagonally across an intersection, bounced off a triffic island, turned completely around and headed up a railroad embankment where it stopped, unscratched. Its owner got in and drove off.

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Greetings to One and All!

We'd like to send our good wishes into every home and heart this Christmas to ensure the blessings of the holiday season to all our friends and their families.

HERCULES POWDER COMPANY
HATTIESBURG

We hope the spirit of Christmas will sound a note of harmony over your holiday celebration.

SOUTHERN BEVERAGE CO.
597 E. Front St. Dial 3-1946

Information On Social Security

We want to keep severely disabled workers from losing disability insurance payments. If you are a disabledworker or if you have a disabled worker in your family, this message is for you. December 31, 1957, is the deadline to remember. You must apply by December 31, 1957, to receive any back pay which is due. These disability payments range from $30.00 to $108.50 per month.

Over 100,000 severely disabled workers received their first checks early in August for the month of July. But the Social Security Administration thinks that there are more disabled workers who have not applied for payment. Some of them are afraid they will have to give up a part of their old-age insurance benefit if they apply. This is not so. The amount of the disability payment is the same as the full old-age benefit.

The disability program gives full protection to eligible disabled workers aged 50 to 65. Severely disabled workers aged 50 to 65 will receive their full payment now and not have to wait until 65.

Don't worry about the December 31, 1957 deadline if you have already filled out an application. There are many thousands of disablity claims being processed. Those which are okayed will be paid back to July, 1957. The important thing for you to do is to get your signed claim in the hands of your local Social Security office by December 31, 1957.

Many of you reading this article will wonder if you qualify for disability payments. Briefly there are 3 requirements: (1) You must be from 50 to 65 years of age; (2) You must be severely disabled for at least 6 months and must be unable to engage in any substantial work; (3) You must have social security credit for 5 of the 10 years, and 1½ of these years must be in the 3 years just before your disability began.

Another point: If you are not yet 50, but severely disabled, there is a special rule by which you can freeze your social security record. This is important, as a disability freeze will keep your monthly average wage high for future benefits, meaning that you will keep full benefit rights, Remember the deadline, December 31, 1957 for disability payments back to July,1957. Contact the Social Security Office in the Carpenters' Building, Hattiesburg, Miss.

BAGS 96 SNAKES

Sutherland, Neb.—Although 96 rattlesnakes were killed in three days at a farm near here recently, the rattlers still had not been entirely cleaned out. The owners killed 37 rattlers the first day in an abandoned prairie dog town, just eighty rods from the farm house. Kills on the next two days brought the total to 96.

Five gallons of gasoline in Canada, imperial measure, equal six gallons in the United States.

Southern Bell Plans Radio Relay Route

Plans for the construction of a radio relay route from Hattiesburg to Laurel by Southern Bell were disclosed today by Ott Brockman, Manager for the Telephone Company in Hattiesburg.

This new system of communication, which can transmit hundreds of telephone messages and carry television programs, employs super-high radio frequencies called microwaves. The waves are focused like the rays of a searchlight and relayed from tower to tower which, on this new route, are spaced about 30 miles apart. In planning a radio relay route, care must be taken that a line-of-sight path is proveded and that no undesirable electrical reflections mar the signal. To prevent the radio waves overshooting their mark and interfering with reception at stations farther along the route, stations are arranged in zig-zag pattern.

At each station the beam is collected by a receiving horn, is amplified and sent on its way. At the distant end, the individual telephone messages carried by the same microphone signal are separated. Each call is then placed on conventional facilities and carried to its destination

Mr. Brockman announced that construction dates and completion of this new service would be given in the near future.

TIME ON HIS HANDS

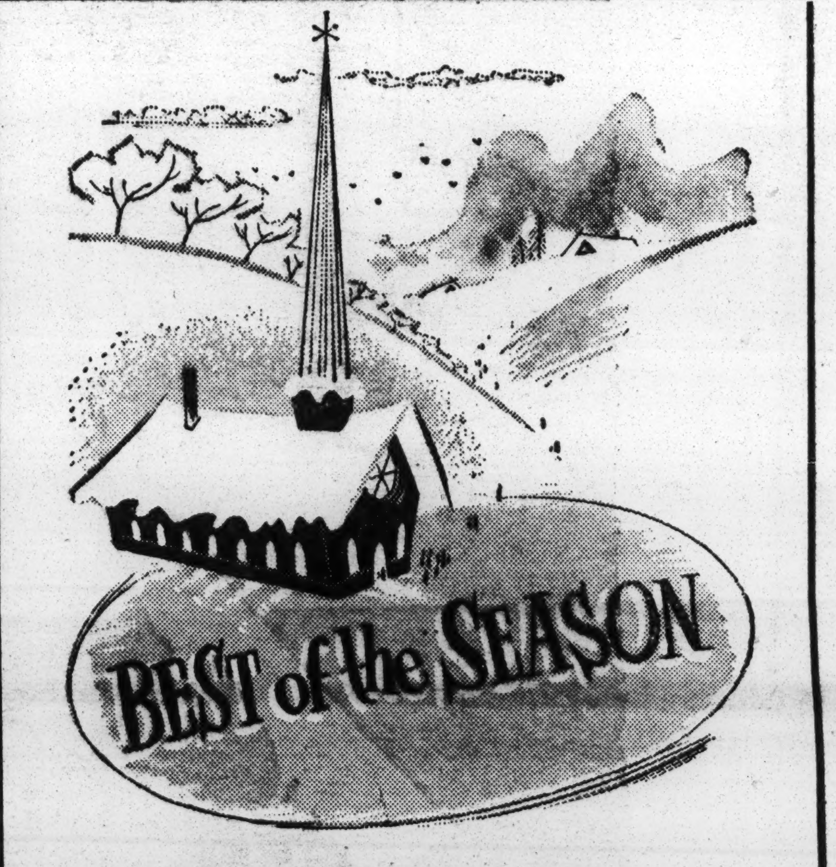
Dallas, Tex.—A burglar who entered a home here will evidently be well-dressed, well-fed and on time. He stole seventeen pieces of clothing, about $100 work of cooking utensils and an alarm clock.

Counties Split Forest Profits

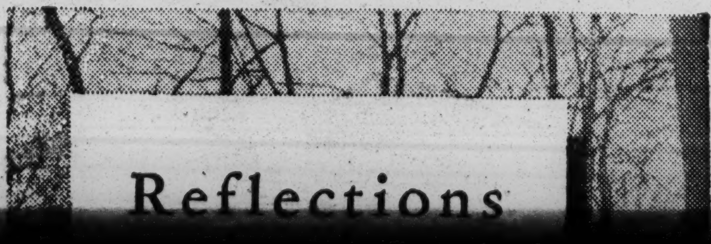
Twenty-three Mississippi counties will share $705,921 gross receipts of the Mississippi National Forests for the fiscal year 1957, which ended June 30.

Timber sales accounted for 79 percent of the income, with mineral leases second. Franklin County, in Southwest Mississippi, will receive the greatest amount $112,309. Counties are required by law to spend the money for public schools and roads.

Eggs produce nearly twice as much revenue nationally as chicken meat for poultry raisers.



Clyde W. Easterling
Chancery Clerk



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BEST of the SEASON

Clyde W. Easterling
Chancery Clerk

To wish you a Merry Christmas

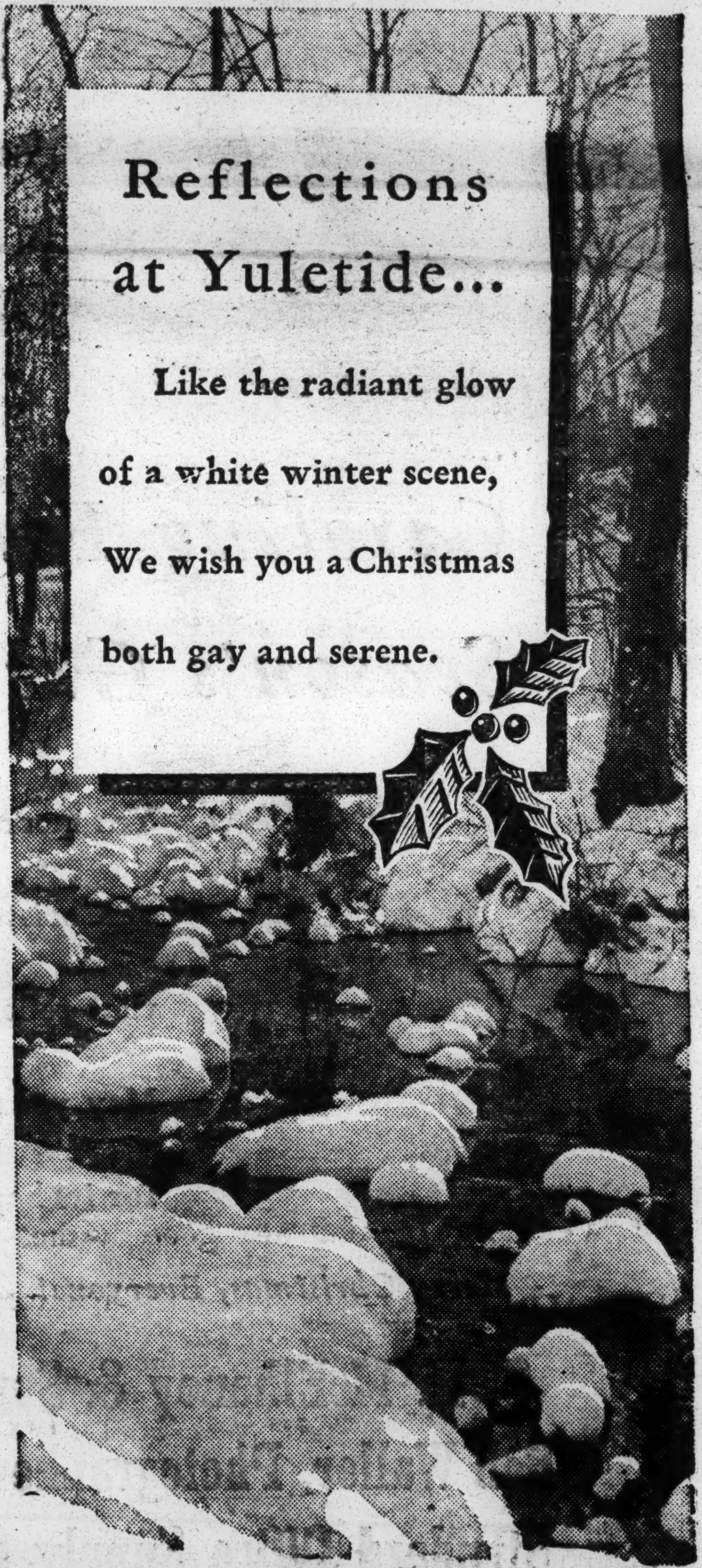
Fairchild Construction Company
Highway 49, South By-Pass
Hattiesburg

All the blessings of the season

May the guiding star of the true Yuletide significance illumine the pathway for your journey through life . . .

DIAL 3-2044 City Drug Store WE DELIVER

Burrell C. Young — Mrs. B. C. Young — J. H. Carter, Sr.



Reflections at Yuletide...

Like the radiant glow
of a white winter scene,
We wish you a Christmas
both gay and serene.

Meridian Fertilizer Factory
Hattiesburg

Caroling Forth our Season's Greetings

Yea merrily! The familiar carols ring out in joyous praise of Christmas; to them we add in complete harmony these notes that reflect our greetings and sincere good wishes . . . May your Christmas celebration be one that's long remembered for its happiness and good cheer . . . joy and peace!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

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Hattiesburg Typewriter Co.
Singley's Dairy
Phoenix Laundry & Cleaners
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